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# Trump considers yanking critics' security clearances

By JILL COLVIN

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Donald Trump is considering revoking the security clearances of six former top national security officials who have been critical of his administration, a move that opponents and experts say would be an unprecedented politicization of the clearance process.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Monday that the president is "exploring the mechanisms" to strip clearance from former CIA Director John Brennan as well as five other former officials who have held some of the most sensitive positions in government: former FBI Director James Comey; James Clapper, the former director of national intelligence; former CIA Director Michael Hayden; former national security adviser Susan Rice; and Andrew McCabe, who served as Trump's deputy FBI director until he was fired in March. The leaders have served in both Democratic and Republican administrations, including Trump's.

Sanders accused the officials of having "politicized and in some cases monetized their public service and security clearances" by making "baseless accusations" that the Trump administration had improper contact with Russia or was influenced by Russia.

"The fact that people with security clearances are making these baseless charges provides inappropriate legitimacy to accusations with zero evidence," she said.

Sanders did not cite specific comments made by any of the officials. But the president has been seething over the backlash to his meeting last week with Russia's Vladimir Putin and the ongoing investigations into Russia's meddling in the 2016 election, whether his campaign aides were involved in the effort and whether he obstructed justice.

Democratic Rep. Adam Schiff of California, a rank-



White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders speaks during the daily press briefing at the White House, Monday, July 23, 2018, in Washington.

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ing member of the House Intelligence Committee, tweeted that "politicizing security clearances to retaliate against former national security officials who criticize the President would set a terrible new precedent."

"An enemies list is ugly, undemocratic and un-American," he added.

The threat to deny the officials access to classified information marks the latest escalation in the president's ongoing war with the members of the U.S. intelligence community. It came hours after Republican Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky tweeted that he would be meeting with Trump to discuss revoking Brennan's clearance for his scathing criticism of the president's performance at the summit with Putin.

"I told the president in private what I've been saying in public: That I think there's a great danger to having talking heads on TV who are ex-CIA agents and still have classified clearance," Paul said Monday evening in an appearance on Fox

News.

"There's a real danger they might inadvertently reveal classified information," he said.

Former CIA directors and other top national security officials are typically allowed to keep their clearances, at least for some period, as a courtesy and so they can be in a position to advise their successors. At least one of the former officials, McCabe, does not currently have security clearance, his spokeswoman said.

Experts appeared split on whether the president has the authority to unilaterally terminate a security clearance, but said such a move would be unprecedented and ill-advised.

"Legalities aside, it seems like a terrible mistake to use the security clearance system as an instrument of political vendettas," said Steven Aftergood at the Federation of American Scientists' Project on Government Secrecy.

While standing next to Putin, Trump last week openly

questioned his own intelligence agencies' conclusions that Moscow tried to tip the scales of the 2016 election in his favor and seemed to accept Putin's insistence that Russia's hands were clean.

Brennan slammed those comments as "nothing short of treasonous" and accused Trump of being "wholly in the pocket of Putin."

Paul, in turn, has called Brennan "the most biased, bigoted, over-the-top, hyperbolic sort of unhinged director of the CIA we've ever had" in interviews with Fox.

Clapper, reacting to the White House talk of revoking clearances, said on CNN that Trump's idea was "kind of a petty way of retribution, I suppose, for speaking out against the president, which I think, on the part of all of us, are borne out of genuine concerns about President Trump."

Hayden tweeted Monday that revoking his security clearance wouldn't "have any effect on what I say or

write."

Melissa Schwartz, a spokeswoman for McCabe, tweeted that his security clearance was deactivated when he was terminated, per FBI policy.

"You would think the White House would check with the FBI before trying to throw shiny objects to the press corps," she wrote.

As for whether Trump has the authority to do what Sanders suggested, Aftergood called it "a disputed question."

Attorney Greg T. Rinckey, who specializes in national security and security clearance cases, said that while presidents have broad authority to grant clearances, there is "some debate over whether or not the president has the authority to revoke" them.

He said he was not aware of any past case in which a person had their clearance revoked by the president.

John V. Berry, an attorney who regularly represents federal intelligence agency employees, said that he didn't see any reason the president wouldn't be able to revoke clearance but that doing so would "be terrible for America" and "totally defeat the process of defending national security."

"If we start interjecting politics into this, our country's going to be significantly weakened," Berry said.

Rep. Elijah E. Cummings, ranking Democrat on the House oversight committee, said Trump had allowed his former national security adviser Michael Flynn "to keep his security clearance for weeks after the Justice Department warned that he was under investigation for lying about his secret conversations with the Russians" and "allowed his son-in-law Jared Kushner to keep his security clearance after repeatedly concealing his foreign contacts."

"President Trump should get his own staff's security clearances in order rather than engaging in crass political retribution against former officials," Cummings said in statement. □





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## Senate confirms Robert Wilkie for Veterans Affairs secretary

By HOPE YEN

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Senate on Monday confirmed Pentagon official Robert Wilkie to be secretary of Veterans Affairs, charged with delivering on President Donald Trump's campaign promises to fire bad VA employees and steer more patients to the private sector.

Wilkie won approval on a bipartisan vote of 86-9, securing the backing of many Democrats after insisting at his confirmation hearing that he will not privatize the government's second-largest department. It was a moment of respite from the sharp political divisions engulfing Trump's other nominees in the final months before congressional midterm elections.

Wilkie is Trump's third pick for the job in 18 months. The longtime public official says he will "shake up complacency" at VA, which has struggled with long waits in providing medical treatment to millions of veterans. In a statement released by the White House, Trump applauded the confirmation vote and said he looked forward to Wilkie's leadership.

"I have no doubt that the Department of Veterans Affairs will continue to make strides in honoring and protecting the heroic men and women who have served our nation with distinction," he said.

Trump selected Wilkie for the post in May after firing his first VA secretary, David Shulkin, amid ethics charges and internal rebellion at the department over the role of private care for veterans. Trump's initial re-

placement choice, White House doctor Ronny Jackson, withdrew after allegations of workplace misconduct surfaced.

Wilkie, a former assistant secretary of defense under President George W. Bush, has received mostly positive reviews from veterans' groups for his management experience, but the extent of his willingness to expand private care as an alternative to government-run VA care remains largely unknown.

Trump last year pledged he would triple the number of veterans "seeing the doctor of their choice." Currently more than 30 percent of VA appointments are made in the private sector.

Under repeated questioning at his hearing, the Air Force and Navy veteran said he opposed privatizing the agency of 360,000 employees and would make sure VA health care is "fully funded." When pressed by Sen. Jon Tester, the top Democrat on the panel, if he would be willing to disagree with Trump, Wilkie responded "yes."

"I have been privileged to work for some of the most high-powered people in this town," said Wilkie, currently a Pentagon undersecretary for Defense Secretary Jim Mattis. "They pay me for their opinions, and I give those to them."

Wilkie's main task in the coming months will be carrying out a newly signed law to ease access to private health providers. That law gives the VA secretary wide authority to decide when veterans can bypass the VA, based on whether they receive "quality" care, but the program could

face escalating costs.

Some Democrats have warned the VA won't be able to handle a growing price tag, putting it at risk of budget shortfalls next year. Major veterans' groups want full funding for core VA medical centers, which they see as best-suited to veterans' specialized needs such as treatment for post-traumatic stress.

As VA secretary, Wilkie also will have more power under a new accountability law to fire VA employees. Lawmakers from both par-



In a Wednesday, June 27, 2018 file photo, Veterans Affairs Secretary nominee Robert Wilkie is sworn in at the start of a Senate Veterans Affairs Committee nominations hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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ties have recently raised questions about the law's implementation, including how whistleblower complaints are handled and

whether the law is being disproportionately used against rank-and-file employees rather than senior managers who set policy. □

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# Georgia lawmaker uses racial slur, drops pants in TV series

**ATLANTA (AP)** — A Georgia lawmaker is the latest public figure caught with his pants down on provocateur Sacha Baron Cohen's new cable TV series, this time literally, as the state legislator exposes his bottom, speaks with a mock Asian accent and yells a racial slur all in the name of fighting terrorism.

In Sunday night's broadcast of Cohen's Showtime series "Who Is America?" Cohen poses as an Israeli military expert who persuades Republican Rep. Jason Spencer to take part in several outlandish exercises. The lawmaker is told they're making a counterterrorism video.

Spencer repeatedly shouts a racial slur for black people after Cohen tells him the tactic is useful for drawing bystanders' attention to an unfolding attack.

He also drops his pants, then his underwear, before backing his exposed rear end toward Cohen while shouting "USA!" and "America!" Cohen told Spencer the move would incite fear in homophobic jihadists.



In this Feb. 28, 2018 photo, Rep. Jason Spencer, of Woodbine, speaks at the Georgia State Capitol in Atlanta.

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The segment also shows Spencer speaking with a mock Asian accent while pretending to use a selfie-stick to surreptitiously insert a camera phone under a Muslim woman's burqa.

Spencer's on-camera conduct horrified fellow Republicans in Georgia. State House Speaker David

Ralston said Spencer "disgraced himself and should resign immediately," The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported.

GOP Gov. Nathan Deal said in a tweet: "There is no excuse for this type of behavior, ever, and I am saddened and disgusted by it." Regardless, there won't be

any reckoning for Spencer at the ballot box this year. A Republican challenger already defeated the lawmaker in Georgia's May 22 primary.

The Georgia legislator has been accused in the past of making offensive statements and proposals. In 2016, Spencer sought to update a 1951 state law that outlawed Ku Klux Klan members from wearing hoods at public rallies. Civil rights and Muslim advocacy groups called Spencer's bill a veiled attempt to ban Muslim women from wearing religious headgear that covers their faces in public. He quickly dropped the proposal.

Spencer isn't the first public figure to be fooled by Cohen in his Showtime series. Former Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin, Democratic Sen. Bernie Sanders and former Arizona sheriff and U.S. Senate candidate Joe Arpaio have also been duped.

In a statement Monday, Spencer apologized for the "ridiculously ugly episode," but he refused to step down

from office. He also said he has received death threats in the past and thought the techniques in the Showtime segment would prevent "what I believed was an inevitable attack."

The Atlanta newspaper reported Spencer had earlier threatened legal action to prevent the network from airing footage of him. The Islamic Council on American-Islamic Relations also called for Spencer's resignation.

"The ignorance and malice behind Islamophobia has led Mr. Spencer to not only pursue bad policy, but engage in humiliating and hateful behavior unbecoming of anyone — especially a state legislator," said Edward Ahmed Mitchell, director of the group's Georgia chapter.

Spencer faced calls for his resignation last year after he warned a black former state legislator that she won't be "met with torches but something a lot more definitive" if she continued to call for the removal of Confederate statues in southern Georgia. □



Kevin Downing, attorney for Paul Manafort, walks towards the Alexandria Federal Courthouse in Alexandria, Va., Monday, July 23, 2018, for a hearing on the final motions ahead of the upcoming bank and tax fraud trial for President Donald Trump's former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort.

Associated Press

By **CHAD DAY**  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A federal judge on Monday postponed the trial of former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort until next week.

The tax and bank fraud trial had been scheduled to start Wednesday in federal court in Alexandria, Vir-

ginia.

But U.S. District Judge T.S. Ellis III pushed the trial back until July 31 to give Manafort's lawyers more time to review thousands of pages of data and documents turned over by special counsel Robert Mueller's office in the last several weeks.

The documents come

## Judge postpones Paul Manafort trial until next week

from a firm that handled Manafort's bookkeeping and the electronic devices of Rick Gates, his longtime business associate. Gates pleaded guilty earlier this year and is expected to testify against Manafort.

Manafort's trial will be the first arising from Mueller's investigation into potential coordination between the Trump campaign and Russia during the 2016 presidential election.

The indictment against Manafort doesn't focus on his work on the Trump campaign or accuse him of being involved in election interference. Instead, it accuses him of funneling the proceeds of Ukrainian political consulting work through offshore accounts and using the funds to pay for a lavish lifestyle.

Manafort has pleaded not guilty and denied all the charges. He faces a separate trial in the District of Columbia, where he was indicted last October.

In addition to pushing the trial back, Ellis on Monday approved and unsealed requests from Mueller's prosecutors to offer immunity to five witnesses in exchange for their testimony. Prosecutors had asked for the information to be sealed unless and until the witnesses actually testified. The immunity offers mean prosecutors will not use the witnesses' statements against them in any criminal case.

Prosecutors also disclosed that they will be presenting a limited amount of evidence regarding Manafort's connection to

the Trump campaign as well as his ties to former Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich.

Prosecutor Greg Andres told Ellis that Manafort's position in the Trump campaign is relevant to some of the bank fraud charges because a chairman of one of the banks allowed Manafort to file inaccurate loan information in exchange for a job on the campaign and the promise of a job in the Trump administration.

Andres did not name the bank employee but noted that the Trump administration position never materialized.

Jury selection in the case is set to begin next week, a process Ellis said he would be keeping tight control over. □



# U.S. Southwest swelters with temperatures up to 120 degrees

By ANITA SNOW

**PHOENIX (AP)** — An excessive heat warning was issued for a broad swath of the southwestern U.S. Monday with temperatures expected to approach 120 degrees (almost 49 Celsius) this week in what forecasters say could prove to be the hottest days of the year. The National Weather Service said southern Arizona will experience temperatures from 112 to 119 degrees (44 to 48 Celsius) through Wednesday. The heat warning extended to southeastern California, including desert communities such as El Centro, Palm Springs, Twentynine Palms and Blythe, as well as north to Las Vegas and other parts of Nevada. Parts of Utah were also is-

sued an excessive heat warning with temperatures this week expected to approach 109 degrees (43 Celsius). The weather service said the warning for Utah's Dixie and Lake Powell regions will be in effect Tuesday through Thursday. A lesser heat advisory was in effect for west Texas and southeast New Mexico into Monday evening, with high temperatures well into the triple digits, the service said. Still, it was so hot in Las Cruces Monday morning that afternoon school bus service was cancelled. Some of the highest temperatures over the next few days were expected in Phoenix, where the weather service issued a tweet to warn residents to stay hydrated and take advan-

tage of cooler indoor buildings.

The tweet says officials "can't stress enough that it will become dangerously hot early this week." Firefighters and city officials on Monday morning distributed bright red cloth visors, hand fans and cooling neckerchiefs to downtown commuters, advising them to stay inside as much as possible.

"I'm hoping to stay in the air conditioning all day, and I'm planning to take it easy," Lisa Kirby said, who was visiting from Rhode Island for a conference. Kirby said she visited the area several summers ago and had a hard time dealing with the heat.

Fire Capt. Jake Van Hook said the department gets



Phoenix firefighter Juan Rodriguez hands out a cooling neckerchief to morning commuter Arielle Thomas early Monday, July 23, 2018, in downtown Phoenix.

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dozens of calls a day about heat-related illnesses during excessive heat warnings. "They range from someone who just needs to get inside to someone who needs to get urgently to the hospital," he said.

Maricopa County public health officials say 155 people died in the Phoenix

area last year from heat-caused illnesses like heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Forecasters say monsoon moisture will slowly return to the Phoenix area from the east by the weekend.

Arizona's monsoons are summer rains that can cause flash flooding and bring heavy winds. □

## Husband of adult film performer Stormy Daniels seeks divorce

**KAUFMAN, Texas (AP)** — The husband of adult film performer Stormy Daniels has filed for divorce in Texas.

Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, has said that she had sex with Donald Trump before he became president, something Trump has denied.

Glendon Crain filed the petition for divorce on July 18 in state district court in Kaufman County, located just southeast of Dallas. In his 13-page divorce petition filed July 18, Crain alleged adultery as grounds for the divorce and seeks sole custody of the couple's 7-year-old daughter and child support from Clifford, as well as a financial award and disproportionate share of the couple's community property.

Daniels' lawyer Michael Avenatti said in a tweet that Daniels and Crain decided mutually to end their marriage and that the "accuracy" of the divorce petition is "vehemently disputed."

A woman answering the phone in the Terrell, Texas, office of Crain's attorney,

Rothwell Pool, said he had no comment since the case is currently in litigation. Daniels has said she had sex with Trump in 2006 when he was married, which Trump has denied. As part of their investigation into Trump's lawyer Michael Cohen, prosecutors have been examining the \$130,000 payment that was made to Daniels as part of a confidentiality agreement days before the 2016 presidential election.

In April, FBI agents raided Cohen's home, office and hotel room as part of a probe into his business dealings and investigators were seeking records about the nondisclosure agreement that Daniels had signed, among other things.

In May, Rudy Giuliani, one of Trump's attorneys, said the president had repaid Cohen for the \$130,000 payment to Daniels, contradicting Trump's prior claims that he didn't know the source of the money.


Transparency groups and Democrats have argued that the secret efforts to silence Trump accusers, including the payment

to Daniels, should be investigated by the Federal Election Commission as potential violations of campaign finance laws,


which require disclosure of campaign expenditures. Trump's attorneys have argued that any payments to accusers would have


been made regardless of his presidential candidacy, and that no violation occurred. □


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## Duck boat probe will check if Coast Guard rules were ignored

By **JIM SALTER and HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH**  
**Associated Press**

The investigation into the sinking of a sightseeing boat that claimed 17 lives will look at whether operators violated Coast Guard rules by venturing onto a Missouri lake as thunderstorms rolled in, a Coast Guard official said Monday.

More than three days after the deadly accident, a crane attached to a barge pulled the amphibious duck boat from Table Rock Lake near Branson, where it was submerged in 80 feet (24 meters) of water.

Divers attached a sling to the 33-foot, 4-ton vessel, then raised and drained it, officials said. It was to be loaded onto a vehicle and turned over to the National Transportation Safety Board.

Coast Guard Lt. Tasha Sadowicz of the agency's St. Louis office said the boat that capsized and sank was known as "Stretch Duck 07." Like all 22 duck boats in operation in Branson, it was required to undergo annual inspections. The most recent was in February. But Sadowicz said the Coast Guard's "certificate of inspection" placed limits on when the boats can enter the water based on wind speed and "sea state," which refers to the height of waves.

Sadowicz did not have information on Stretch Duck 07's limits but said they will be a focal point of the investigation.

Some witnesses have said the lake was calm and the



The duck boat that sank in Table Rock Lake in Branson, Mo., is raised Monday, July 23, 2018.

**Associated Press**

storm came up suddenly Thursday evening. Sadowicz said investigators want to find out if operators were adequately monitoring the weather and should have reasonably known a storm was approaching. Turbulent weather has caused trouble for duck boats before.

Coast Guard records show that a similar duck boat in Philadelphia took on a 3- or 4-foot wave on Oct. 3, 2015, as it carried 12 passengers on a tour of the Delaware River. Water got into the engine compartment, causing the engine to stall and setting the vessel adrift.

The boat was safely towed to shore. The cause of the failure was determined to be "the rapidly worsening river conditions." But the Coast Guard also cited a "failure to anticipate the change in the weather

conditions."

"The change of the tide from slack to flood and the strong northerly winds caused the waves to quickly build and exceeded the restriction on the vessel's COI (certificate of inspection)," the Coast Guard report stated.

Duck boats were designed for military use in World War II. The Missouri boat that sank was built in 1944.

Stretch Duck 07 had a few apparently minor problems in recent years.

In 2011, the vessel "lost steering while underway on Table Rock Lake" with 30 passengers on board. The driver was able to make it back to shore, according to Coast Guard records.

On June 6, 2015, water got into the engine compartment as the boat entered the lake from land, a process known as "splash down."

A January 2016 inspection found inoperable heat detectors, which were later fixed.

The Coast Guard prohibited the vessel from operating from January 2015 to April 2015, but the report does not state a reason other than "hazardous/unsafe condition." Another report from February 2015 cited leakage in a wheel well caused by sealant failure.

The owner of an inspection service in the St. Louis area said he issued a written report in August 2017 to the Branson duck boat operator, Ripley Entertainment, after inspecting two dozen boats. In the report, Steve Paul of Test Drive Technologies explained that the vessels' engines — and pumps that remove water from their hulls — might fail in inclement weather.

On Saturday, former NTSB chairman James Hall said

the design of duck boats makes them prone to the type of accident that occurred in Missouri, particularly when weather turns bad. He said they should be banned.

At a news conference Monday in Branson, Coast Guard Capt. Scott Stoermer said the investigation will also look into whether the boat captain followed company guidelines regarding use of life jackets. Missouri law requires boat passengers ages 7 and younger to wear life jackets, but commercial vessels like the duck boats are exempt. The law requires enough life jackets for passengers and crew, and jackets that fit all of the children. Whether to advise passengers to use life jackets is an "operation decision" made by the captain, Stoermer said.

Several survivors made it to safety by climbing aboard another sightseeing boat that was nearby.

Many survivors told Missouri State Highway Patrol chaplain Steve Martin that they were able to swim to the Branson Belle paddle-wheeler. Some climbed up the paddle wheel itself. Others clung to the side of the boat until bystanders pulled them to safety.

"The waves were kind of pushing them toward the boat," Martin said.

Ripley Entertainment's website said it was offering to pay for all medical and funeral expenses for victims, to return all personal items from the accident scene and to help with families' travel or accommodations.





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## Veteran officer to be Boston's 1st black police commissioner

By ALANNA DURKIN RICHER  
BOSTON (AP) —

A 33-year veteran of Boston's police force was named the city's first black police commissioner on Monday, ushering in a new era for a city that long struggled with perceptions of racism. William Gross, who will replace Commissioner William Evans, pledged to continue working to strengthen relationships between police and their communities and combat what he called "senseless youth violence."

"If you want change, be the change. That's why I became a police officer," Gross told reporters after Democratic Mayor Marty Walsh announced his promotion.

Evans, who has served as the city's top cop since 2014, is retiring after nearly 40 years on the force to become police chief at Boston College.

Gross, 56, has long been one of the public faces of the department and is well-known in the community.

He became a patrol officer in 1985 and worked in the gang and drug control units before becoming night commander in 2012. He was named the department's first black superintendent in chief in

2014.

"He's the right person at the right time for this job," Walsh said.

Boston hasn't seen the violent clashes between police and residents sparked in other cities by the shootings of black men. But activists have long complained the city's police force is too white. The department faced heavy criticism earlier this year when it posted a Black History Month tweet celebrating the late, former Boston Celtics coach Arnold "Red" Auerbach, who's white. Evans later apologized, calling the tweet "insensitive."

And the department came under fire that same month after a widely shared video showed a white officer stopping and questioning a black man who was on his way to a barbershop. Civil rights activists said the confrontation was indicative of the way law enforcement routinely view black men with suspicion. Tanisha Sullivan, president of the Boston branch of the NAACP, said anytime a person of color ascends to a leadership position is a reason for hope. But she said it will only matter if Gross is given a voice at the table with city leaders and is empowered to lead the department forward.

"It's really not a win unless and until we are able to see evidence to suggest that Chief Gross — now Commissioner Gross — has been able to activate the power of his diversity and we'll know that by the direction the department goes in." Evans, a native

of South Boston, lost both of his parents at a young age and was raised by his older brothers, one of whom served as police commissioner before him. He started as a cadet in 1980 and rose through the ranks, eventually becoming superintendent, overseeing special events and the department's patrol division. He was a key player in the investigation into the marathon bombing that killed three spectators and injured more than 260 others. An avid runner, Evans finished the race before the bombs went off and then returned to help his colleagues in the manhunt for the Tsarnaev brothers.

He was named interim commissioner in November 2013 after the resignation of Edward Davis and was appointed to the post permanently in 2014. Evans had tears in his eyes as he explained it's time for him to slow down and spend more time with his family. He joked that he's looking forward to getting more




In this Jan. 20, 2015 file photo, Boston Police Superintendent-in-Chief William Gross walks through a door of a hospital in Boston.

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rest, saying he sleeps with one eye open out of fear for a late-night call with bad news.

"I never dreamed of the day I would be up here as commissioner," Evans said. "It's been a great ride." □

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# 2 dead, 13 wounded in shooting attack in Toronto

By **ROB GILLIES**  
**Associated Press**

**TORONTO (AP)** — A man clad in black fired a handgun into restaurants and cafes in a lively Toronto neighborhood, killing a 10-year-old girl and an 18-year-old woman and wounding 13 others in an attack that has shaken the confidence of many in the normally safe city.

The mass shooting late Sunday in Toronto's Greektown district came just three months after a van struck and killed 10 people in an apparent attack directed toward women.

Police declined to release the name of the 29-year-old gunman from Toronto who died after an exchange of gunfire with police.

Police Chief Mark Saunders said he would not speculate on a motive but did not rule out terrorism.

"It's almost inconceivable that these things can happen," said Mayor John Tory. "We were so used to living in a city where these things didn't happen and as we saw them going on in the world around us (we) thought they couldn't happen here."

"This is an attack against innocent families and our entire city."

The slain 18-year-old was identified as Reese Fallon, a recent high school graduate who volunteered for Canada's Liberal party and was due to attend McMaster University in the fall. Her family said in a statement they were devastated.

"She was ... smart, passionate and full of energy. It is a huge loss," said Canadian Member of Parliament Nathaniel Erskine-Smith, who knew Fallon.

Flags at Toronto City Hall as well as at Fallon's former high school, Malvern CI, and at school board buildings were lowered to half-staff.

"An engaging student, Reese Fallon graduated from Malvern CI just last month and was highly regarded by staff and loved by her friends," the school board said in a statement, adding that support was being offered to students.



Police work the scene of a shooting in Toronto on Sunday, July 22, 2018.

Associated Press

The 13 wounded ranged in age from 10 to 59, and suffered injuries ranging from serious to minor, Saunders said. He did not name the victims, who included eight women and girls, and seven men.

Dr. Najma Ahmed of St. Michael's Hospital said five patients had been admitted in serious or critical condition and that three of the five underwent immediate lifesaving operations.

A video taken by a witness showed a man dressed all in black walking quickly down a sidewalk and firing three shots into at least one shop or restaurant in Toronto's Greektown, a residential area crowded with Greek restaurants and cafes.

Witnesses heard many shots and described the suspect walking past restaurants and cafes and patios on both sides of the street and firing into them.

Ontario's police watchdog said there was an exchange of gunfire between the assailant and two officers on a side street before the gunman was

found dead near Danforth Avenue where the shootings occurred. It was not immediately clear whether he killed himself or was killed by police.

A spokeswoman for the Special Investigations Unit, Monica Hudon, would not say whether the gunman was shot dead by police and said his identity was still being confirmed. She said an autopsy would be performed Tuesday.

Det.-Sgt. Terry Browne said he could not release the name of the suspect because of the probe by the Special Investigations Unit. He said police had sought a search warrant for an address related to the suspect but didn't say where.

Tanya Wilson was closing her tattoo shop on the street when she heard gunshots and a mother and her son ran into her store with gunshot wounds to their legs.

"They said they were walking and a man told them to get the hell out his way and he just shot them," Wilson said.

Wilson said she tied and el-

evated their wounds and tried to keep them calm while they waited for paramedics. She locked the door and shut off the lights, not knowing what was happening outside.

Jody Steinhauer was celebrating her birthday with family at Christina's restaurant on Danforth Avenue when they heard 10 to 15 shots. They ran to the back to the restaurant and hid under a table.

"We heard a woman yell, 'Help!' My partner went outside the restaurant and the woman was right there. She had been shot," she said.

Her boyfriend and a doctor who was in the restaurant attended to the woman who was shot in the thigh. "She was screaming and yelling and in shock. Nobody was with her. That was the scary part," Steinhauer said.

Police, paramedics and other first responders descended on the scene, while people, some in their pajamas, emerged from their homes to see what was happening.

Though mass shootings are

rare in Canada's largest city, Toronto police had deployed dozens of additional officers over the weekend to deal with a recent rise in gun violence in the city, which has seen 23 gun homicides so far this year, compared to 16 fatal shootings in the first half of 2017.

Toronto Councilor Paula Fletcher said the attack was "not gang related" and that the gunman shot "indiscriminately" into restaurants and into a park.

"I know we always say, 'That can't happen here,' when we see those gunmen in the States doing the same thing and it has happened here now," Fletcher said.

Ontario Premier Doug Ford said the confidence that Toronto is a safe city had been shaken. Toronto has long prided itself as being one of the safest big cities in the world.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau tweeted: "The people of Toronto are strong, resilient and brave — and we'll be there to support you through this difficult time."

In April, the driver of a van plowed into pedestrians on a Toronto sidewalk, killing 10 people and injuring 14. Authorities have not disclosed a motive, but said the arrested driver, Alek Minassian, posted a message on social media referencing a misogynistic online community before the attack.

A now-deleted Facebook post indicated anger toward women and saluted Elliot Rodger, a community college student who killed six people and wounded 13 in shooting and stabbing attacks near the University of California, Santa Barbara, in 2014.

"The Incel Rebellion has already begun!" read the post, using the term incel to refer to "involuntarily celibate."

Meanwhile, Ottawa police arrested a 24-year-old man with a knife on Monday during the Changing of the Guard on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. No one was injured. It was unclear if the incident was related to the mass shooting in Toronto. □



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## Macron's security aide 'dumbfounded' by storm around him

By ELAINE GANLEY

Associated Press

**PARIS (AP)** — The security aide close to French President Emmanuel Macron who is alleged to have beaten up a protester during a May Day protest is "dumbfounded" by the storm around him, his lawyers said Monday.

Footage of the violence has caused consternation across France, and the affair has become the biggest internal crisis to hit Macron since he became president in May 2017.

A parliamentary inquiry opened hearings Monday, a day after an investigating judge filed preliminary charges against the aide, Alexandre Benalla.

In a statement, Benalla's lawyers said he "took the initiative" to intervene at the protest because police on the scene were "apparently overwhelmed."

Attorneys Audrey Gadot and Laurent-Franck Lienard described Benalla's actions as "vigorous" but "without violence" — despite video showing him beating a protester and yanking another protester away.

The lawyers suggested in the statement, published on TF1-TV's Internet site, that Macron was the target of politicians and media focused on the case since Benalla was identified five



French Interior Minister Gerard Collomb, arrives for hearing with deputies of the Laws Commission at the National Assembly in Paris, France, Monday, July 23, 2018.

Associated Press

days ago by the newspaper Le Monde as the man acting violently.

"This personal initiative (of Benalla) ... today clearly serves to tarnish the presidency in conditions that defy understanding," the statement said.

The presidential office's failure to act immediately has raised a series of questions about the actions of those close to Macron, who has yet to comment.

The lawyers' comments came as the first of a series of hearings into the May Day events began. The

parliamentary commission was hastily set up to try to find out why it took 2 1/2 months to open a judicial probe into the actions of Benalla.

On Sunday, Benalla and four others, including three ranking police officers, were informed of charges against them regarding their alleged roles during the protest that turned particularly violent, with shops and cars damaged.

Though the Elysee Palace knew about what Benalla had done while embedded with police as an ob-

server, the aide was able to keep his job. The Elysee changed tack last week and said it was firing Benalla. But that development only came about after Le Monde identified the aide in a video of the incident published.

At the hearing, France's interior minister, Gerard Collomb, and the Paris police chief insisted it wasn't their job to inform judicial officials that Benalla beat up a protester. However, they contradicted each other about who told whom about what happened

May 1.

Collomb, who was told about the incident the day after the protests and is in charge of France's security forces, said Benalla was not under his supervision.

"I will remind you ... that on May 2, I made sure that the president's office as well as the police prefecture had been informed about Mr. Benalla's doings," Collomb said.

"And so I thought, as the rule is in cases of misconduct, that adequate measures had been taken .... It was up to them to sanction it. And eventually to inform judicial authorities."

Laying out the sequence of events, Collomb said his top aide informed him on May 2 of a video showing Benalla beating up a protester and that both the president's office and police chief were informed.

The minister said he was advised of the sanctions later that day. Benalla's subsequent two-week suspension and his re-assignment to a desk job have been roundly viewed as inadequate.

Like Collomb, Paris Police Chief Michel Delpuech told the committee that he failed to involve judicial officials because he thought the matter had been settled by the relevant authority. □



# Forest fires rage on either side of Athens; at least 3 dead

By ELENA BECATOROS  
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Associated Press

**ATHENS, Greece (AP)** —

Two major forest fires raged out of control on either side of Greece's capital Monday, leaving at least three people dead, injuring dozens, burning houses and sending people fleeing to beaches and into the sea, where coast guard boats battled gale force winds to evacuate them.

Regional authorities declared a state of emergency in the western and eastern parts of Attica, the greater Athens area, while Greece called on the European Union for assistance with aerial and ground support in helping battle the flames. Greece said Cyprus offered to send firefighters while Spain offered water-dropping aircraft.

The coast guard said it had transported the bodies of three people — a man, a woman and a girl — which were passed on by firefighters for transport to the port of Rafina northeast of Athens, near the location of one of the two major fires.

The head of the Health Ministry's emergency coordination office said two burned bodies had been transported to a hospital in Athens. It was not immediately clear whether the bodies were among those taken by the coast guard or were additional casualties.

The Health Ministry said 56 people had been hospitalized, most of them suffering burns, with 11 of the injured listed in serious condition. At least five major hospitals in the capital were put on alert for more potential casualties.

Boats delivered people to docks still dressed in nothing but swimsuits, while port police took down names as they disembarked.

Several other fires broke out across the country, including in northeastern Greece and the southern island of Crete, stretching Greece's firefighting capabilities. Gale force winds that frequently changed direction and continued into the night were hampering firefighting efforts.



A firefighter sprays water on the fire in the town of Mati, east of Athens, Monday, July 23, 2018.

Associated Press

The coast guard was searching with a helicopter and patrol vessel for eight people, believed to be Danish tourists, who had fled the flames near Rafina in a boat and were reported missing. Another two who had been in the same boat were rescued by a passing ferry about 3 nautical miles (5.5 kilometers, 3.4 miles) east of Rafina and were in good health.

The coast guard said the same ferry also rescued seven other people who had fled into the sea, but none were from the missing boat. The coast guard sent five vessels to rescue people trapped on nearby beaches by the flames. It said initial reports indicated about 80-85 people needed evacuation by sea.

"We are doing everything humanly possible to try

and tackle these fires," Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras said in Bosnia before cutting short a visit there to return to Athens. "What concerns us is that there are fires occurring simultaneously."

Speaking after arriving in Athens and being briefed on the situation, Tsipras said more than 600 firefighters and 300 vehicles were involved in fighting the fires. "It's a difficult night for Greece," he said.

The first major fire broke out in a pine forest near the seaside settlement of Kineta, 50 kilometers (30 miles) west of Athens between the capital and Corinth. At least 220 firefighters were on the scene there while five water-dropping planes and seven helicopters helped to fight the blaze from the air. Reinforce-

ments were sent in from across Greece.

Local communities were evacuated and the blaze shut down a nearly 20-kilometer (13-mile) section on two highways linking the Peloponnese with central Greece. Thick smoke reduced visibility on the highway to mere meters (yards).

Several houses were in flames, footage from the Greek TV station Skai showed. Some residents used garden hoses to try to save their properties while others escaped in cars and on mopeds.

Hours after the blaze began, flecks of ash swirled down onto central Athens. Authorities sent 17 more firefighting vehicles along with 45 firefighters to Kineta from elsewhere in Greece, as well as a 30-man fire-

fighting crew from the northern city of Thessaloniki. Other towns and cities were sending water trucks and volunteer firefighters.

The second major blaze broke out Monday afternoon in the Penteli and Rafina areas northeast of Athens. Children's summer camps and a seaside resort for military officers were evacuated, as well as residences in the area. Dozens of homes and cars were reportedly destroyed.

There was no official figure on how many people were evacuated overall.

The fire was burning into the town of Rafina, turning the sky above the nearby port that serves ferries to the Cycladic islands black from the smoke. The highway to the nearby town of Marathon was closed to traffic.

Rafina Mayor Vangelis Bournous said he believed about 100 houses in the area had been burned. The fire service was not able to confirm the figure.

It was not immediately clear how any of the fires started. Forest fires are common in Greece during the hot, dry summers and the country has been facing high temperatures recently of up to 40 degrees Celsius (104 Fahrenheit).

A third fire burned farmland and woods on the southern island of Crete, while in northern Greece a forest fire in the area of Soufli was being battled by 50 firefighters. The fire department said three fires also broke out in the area of Corinth in southern Greece. The worst fire season by far occurred in 2007, when large swaths of forest and farmland burned, mainly in the Peloponnese in southern Greece, killing more than 60 people. □





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## Syria blasts evacuation of White Helmets as 'criminal'

By PHILIP ISSA  
Associated Press

**BEIRUT (AP)** — The Syrian government on Monday condemned a multilateral operation to evacuate hundreds of rescue workers from the war-torn country as a "criminal process" intended to de-stabilize Syria. Syrian authorities have long described the Civil Defense search-and-rescue group, which are popularly known as the White Helmets, as a terror organization.

The group rose to prominence as it filmed its operations to rescue civilians from Syrian government airstrikes in the country's brutal civil war. The government has alleged the group stages videos. Damascus's ally Russia has accused the group of staging chemical weapons attacks on civilians and blaming them on the government, a charge that has never been proven.

On Saturday, more than 400 rescuers and their family members were evacuated from Syria's Quneitra province through Israel to Jordan, after the rebels surrendered the last areas they held in the southwestern province to the government.

Syria's foreign ministry called it a "smuggling operation" that was evidence of a Western conspiracy to overthrow the government. The White Helmets have financial backing from the U.S., Britain, and other nations.

The unprecedented operation was spearheaded by the U.S., Canada, and Britain, The Associated Press reported on Friday.



In this Wednesday, June 14, 2017 photo, civil defense workers carrying children after airstrikes hit a school housing a number of displaced people, in Daraa province of Syria.

Associated Press

The rescuers and their families are expected to be resettled in Europe and Canada.

Germany's Interior Ministry confirmed on Monday that the country would give asylum to eight rescuers and 39 family members.

German Interior Minister Horst Seehofer said on Sunday giving the rescue workers shelter "is a humanitarian obligation," adding that more than 250 White Helmets have been killed in the war since 2013. Foreign Minister Heiko Maas was quoted as saying that "the efforts of the White Helmets deserve admiration and respect."

Germany has provided the group with 12 million euros (\$14 million) in funding since 2016.

Meanwhile, Jordanian government spokeswoman

Jumana Ghunaimat said her country has not been asked to receive another group of White Helmets.

Ghunaimat also said Jordanian Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi and his Russian counterpart, Sergey Lavrov, on Sunday discussed "preliminary ideas" about the possible return of Syrian refugees to their homeland, but that "we cannot talk about return while the crisis in Syria is not yet over." "Jordan is willing and en-

couraging the return when tension calms down because the refugees constitute a heavy burden on the kingdom in the light of the international community's inability to cover the costs," she said.

More than 5 million people have fled Syria during its seven-year-long civil war, according to the U.N.

Last week, Russia's Defense Ministry said it proposed to the United States the creation of a joint group, along

with Jordan, to organize refugee returns. The group would be linked to a U.S.-Russian-Jordanian center set up last year in Jordan for monitoring a cease-fire in southwest Syria, said Major-General Milkahil Mizintsev.

"Active progress in this direction is promoted by the agreements reached" last week by President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin at their summit in Finland, he said Friday.

He added that "specific proposals have been sent to the American side for organizing work on the return of refugees to their places of permanent residence."

A similar operation would be established in Lebanon, he said.

Lebanon's National News Agency reported Monday that hundreds of refugees return to Syria from Lebanon. It is the latest in a string of returns this year. President Michel Aoun's Free Patriotic Movement party has put refugee returns near the top of its political agenda.

The National News Agency said 850 Syrians living around the border town of Arsal were repatriated on Monday. □

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## Mexico sees 16 percent rise in murders in 1st half of 2018

By **MARK STEVENSON**

**Associated Press**

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — Homicides in Mexico rose by 16 percent in the first half of 2018, as the country again broke its own records for violence.

The Interior Department said over the weekend there were 15,973 homicides in the first six months of the year, compared to 13,751 killings in the same period of 2017.

The number is the highest since comparable records began being kept in 1997, including the peak year of Mexico's drug war in 2011. At current levels, the department's measure would put national homicides at 22 per 100,000 population by the end of the year — near the levels of Brazil and Colombia at 27 per 100,000.

Security analyst Alejandro Hope noted "the figures are horrible, but there are some signs that are half-way encouraging."

For example, the growth in homicides seems to be flattening out; murders were up only about 4 percent compared to the second half of 2017. "The curve may be flattening out," Hope noted, though he cautioned it is too early to tell.

Some areas, like the northern border state of Baja California, showed big jumps in murder rates, which others saw sharp drops.

Baja California, home to the border city of Tijuana, saw 1,463 homicides in the first half of the year, a 44 percent increase over the same period of 2017.



**Forensics place numbers by evidence near body of a woman found dead between two cars parked outside a restaurant in Acapulco, Mexico, Sunday, July 22, 2018.**

**Associated Press**

Authorities have attributed the spate of killings to battles between the Jalisco and Sinaloa drug cartels for control of trafficking routes in Baja California. The state is now Mexico's second most violent, with a homicide rate for the first six months of the year equivalent to 71 murders per 100,000 inhabitants.

By comparison, Honduras and El Salvador — some of the deadliest countries in the world — have homicide rates of around 60 per 100,000.

Mexico's most dangerous state is Colima, on the Pacific coast, which saw a 27-percent rise in killings and now has a homicide

rate of about 80 per 100,000. The Jalisco cartel is also active there.

The central state of Guanajuato, home to the colonial city of San Miguel Allende, saw a 122-percent increase in homicides, which were running at a rate of about 40 per 100,000. Authorities say much of the killing is related to gangs of fuel thieves who drill taps into government pipelines. But in Baja California Sur, home to the resorts like La Paz and Los Cabos, a stepped-up police presence apparently helped reduce killings. The 125 homicides in the state were less than half the number registered in the first six

months of 2017 and a quarter the number in the last half of 2017. Extra police and troops were sent in after warring drug gangs increased killings in the state in 2017.

Hope noted that in about half of Mexico's 32 states and the capital, murder rates didn't rise much or at all. "Now the growth is becoming concentrated" in some areas.

It is hard to tell why growth in homicide rates seem to have tapered off in historically violent states like Guerrero, which is home to more than a dozen gangs and is a main growing area for opium poppies.

"The growth in the use of

fentanyl could be reducing the harvest of opium poppies, and that could be having an effect" on murder rates, Hope said.

Farmers in Guerrero say prices for opium paste have dropped to unprofitable levels because drug cartels are substituting it for cheaper, easier to obtain synthetic opioids like fentanyl.

Still, not all of Mexico's resort areas fared as well as Baja California Sur.

The Caribbean coast state of Quintana Roo, home to resorts like Cancun, Tulum and Cozumel, saw homicides rise by 132 percent, to the equivalent of about 35 killings per 100,000.

The state accounts for almost half of Mexico's national tourism income. And Mexico has seen international resorts like Acapulco and Zihuatanejo dragged down by a reputation for violence in the past.

"The can stop it (violence in Quintana Roo), but they have to take care of it very quickly," Hope said. □



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## App against harassment



**ORANJESTAD - Dutch advocate and expert Karin Bosman firmly keeps on going with the battle against harassment at the workplace: book, research, workshops, lectures all over the world and even a 500k walk from the Trump Tower in NY to the White House in Washington. Her latest creation with her foundation About Workplace Harassment: an app.**

Her latest research on sexual harassment on Aruba shows a big increase (one third): 56% of the workforce reports being a victim of physical sexual harassment at the work, compare to 37% in her previous report. The percentage is even higher, 86%, regarding frequent sexual remarks or comments with a double (sexual) meaning.

But Bosman clarifies: "It doesn't mean there are more cases. We think the increase has to do with more awareness because of the #MeToo movement. But also our previous investigation rattling the cages more on the subject of sexual harassment. People are more aware of unwanted behavior now."

Research on the neighbouring island shows even an increase of 50% more. "This is a trend noticeable worldwide. Even in Europe more people report harassment. People feel more safe and comfortable to report." But Bosman admits: it's still not easy for victims to talk about harassment experiences. "It's the shame that prevents them sharing their story. Because in general we didn't learn how to address these experiences."

### About the app

As mentioned she developed an app as a next step to a solution. But as the experiences of victims mostly are very emotional ones, question is: why developing an app. As this can be received as a more distant approach to help dealing with harassment.

"The app provides a lot of information", Bosman explains. "Not only on sexual harassments but all kind of harassment occurring at the workplace. Like bullying which is also a big problem. With the information we make the people more resilient against harassment

and also strong enough to report cases."

Workers can report via the app which is not a formal complaint yet, but more a signal for help. As the app is not only an application but with a full support and professional network as back office, to guide and assist the person feeling a victim of harassment at work. For example the 'arbodokter' which is a doctor specialised in work related diseases can guide the victim to a solution, after reporting inappropriate behaviour. For example, the specialist can facilitate a session between the victim and accused. "In the case of bullying this can also mean a session with a whole group of employees."

Bosman continues: "So the app is a low level tool for people to address the situation quicker. But also it also motivates the employer to implement a policy on harassment in an easy way. And motivates workers to address unsafe situations such that the employer can act more quickly. The benefits for the employer are that employees stay healthy, lesser sick leave and people quitting their jobs."

One of the main motives for not reporting harassment is that most people aren't conscious of inappropriate behavior. Hence the app contains information also videos to show what is tolerable and what not.

What if an employee misuses the app to make a false harassment report on a colleague? Bosman explains that although the reports stay anonymous for the employer, the person filing the report has to put a name. Also in order to get the help from a confidential advisor or doctor. "And filing a false report itself is considered harassment."

### Situation on Aruba

Aruba doesn't have a specific law to enforce a safe and healthy workplace.

But Bosman explains there's existing regulation that obligates employers to take care of their employees. "A safe and healthy workplace is not only providing work breaks or putting a helm on for protection. It's also preventing work related stress which is by the way occupational disease number 1."

But more can be done she admits with regulation, government policy but also labor and branch organisations can do more. "And also the employees themselves. They have to learn to inform not only on salary, vacation days but also it there's a policy on harassment. That's why this app is important to learn and make workers more aware."

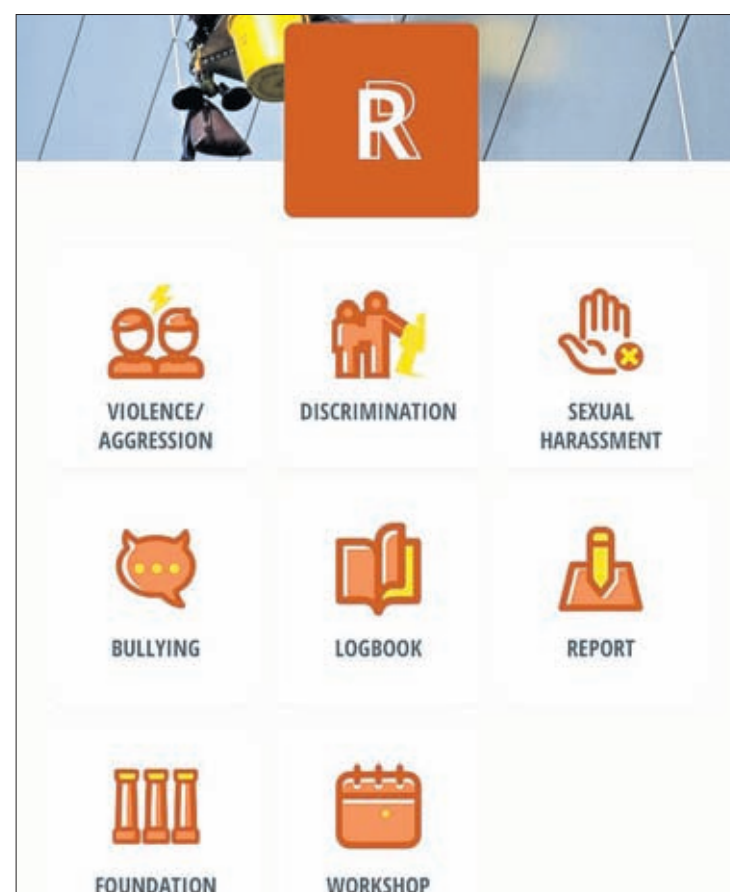
About Workplace Harassment and Medwork Caribbean have joined forces to promote and implement the app on Aruba and also other islands in the Dutch Caribbean. Director of Medwork Ru Croes affirms they already have contact with the Labor Department and the response was positive.

'Harassment is an issue, the department also acknowledges this. Each year they deal with dozens of cases.' These are reported cases but as the investigations

shows: the problem is bigger. With the app, the Labor Department sees an opportunity also to collect data (anonymously). Because they also think that the reported cases are just a tip of iceberg.

Medwork is a company specialised in sick leave management and health care advice. A lot of companies, also the government are amongst their clients. "We see a lot of discrimination. Women for example getting fired because they were pregnant but didn't told their employer during hiring. They're not obligated by the way to tell, neither is it allowed to fire them because of the pregnancy."

Croes also explains that hotels due to company policies which are mostly internationally based because of the owners/ management, do have protocols against harassment. However the public sector doesn't have a protocol at all, as also the latest investigation of Bosmans foundation shows. 85% of the respondents working in the public sector answered 'no' when asked if such a protocol existed at work. Bosman comments: "It would be marvellous if they would set the example." □





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## Aruba Tourism Authority honored Mrs. Janie Lynn Grob

**PALM BEACH** — Recently, Darline S. de Cuba of Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure to honor a loyal and friendly visitor of Aruba as Emerald Ambassadors.

The honoree, Mrs. Janie Lynn Grob, is a resident of New York and has been coming to Aruba for 36 consecutive years. Aruba to her is her home away from home.

The symbolic honorary title is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism, as a token of appreciation to the guests who visit Aruba between 10-20-35 and more consecutive years.

The ceremony took place at Casa del Mar where Mrs. Darline S. de Cuba together with Mr. Bob Curtis of Casa del Mar handed out some presents to the honoree and thanked her for choosing Aruba as her vacation destination for so



many years.

Mrs. Janie Lynn Grob, stat-

ed that the main reasons of her return to Aruba is the lovely weather, the people

of Aruba and the breathtaking sunset.

Congratulations Janie you hold a special place in the hearts of the Arubans. □



## Thanking Simon Gollo, for the musical gift Aruba Symphony Festival



**ORANJESTAD — Saturday night Aruba Symphony Festival 2018 had its long-awaited inaugural concert at the Cas di Cultura with two local choirs, Cantare and Ars Nova, and the internationally renowned Piano Trio Reverón. The program was indeed varied. Cantare consists of only women while Ars Nova has tenors and basses. They sang classical numbers of different eras, different genres, different parts of the world, including songs by Aruba composers Padú del Caribe and Rufo Wever. Some were interpreted a capella, others were accompanied by piano, guitar and or cuatro.**

Although both choirs were short of singers who were on vacation, the director, Cuban born Mayra Kock-Garido had a successful evening by having members of

one choir sing with the other as the need emerged. Mozart's Ave Verum moved many in the audience and Rufo Wever's Pan Cayente received a deafening applause. An amateur piano player commented to me: "Ana Maria's piano spoke sweetly in all languages". Piano Trio Reverón indeed earned the standing ovation and curtain call it received from a very impassioned audience.

Sunday morning eight students competed in the Cas di Cultura for the "Clyde Harms" scholarship that the Aruba Symphony Festival presents to the winner every year. The prize includes, among others, free participation and the chance to play solo in a concert the following year.

Beginning with the violinist Yuko Tanaka who came

all the way from the other side of our planet, Japan, and ending with the violinist Ronald Villabono, from our own hemisphere, all the competitors impressed the public with their high level of dexterity with which they played their musical instruments. Daniela Perez a 13 year old violinist from Venezuela who played two pieces by J. S. Bach captured the hearts of all of us present. The American cellist Calvin Armstrong masterly interpreted a piece from Sonata for Cello solo No. 8 by the Hungarian musicologist Zoltan Kodaly, a number that's difficult to play, lacks melody yet very interesting to listen to. I don't envy the members of the jury that has to select a winner who will be announced during the closing concert July 29th at Cas di Cultura.

Tonight the Aruba Sym-

phony Festival will continue in the Ritz-Carlton Ballroom with a very varied program starting with a tango by Piazzola and ending with music by Schubert. The masters will play different instruments solo, in trio or quintet. Among the instruments featured are the bassoon, flute, clarinet, cello, violin and others. This is an opportunity that no one should pass up. Admission is free, thanks to a generous gesture by Mrs. Louella Brezovar - van Veen, director of the prestigious hotel. See you tonight at 8 at the Ritz-Carlton Ballroom. □





# SPORTS



## Swimmer Ryan Lochte suspended until July 2019 for use of IV

**FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP)**

— Ryan Lochte posted a photo for the world to see, and the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency noticed. It got him suspended — again.

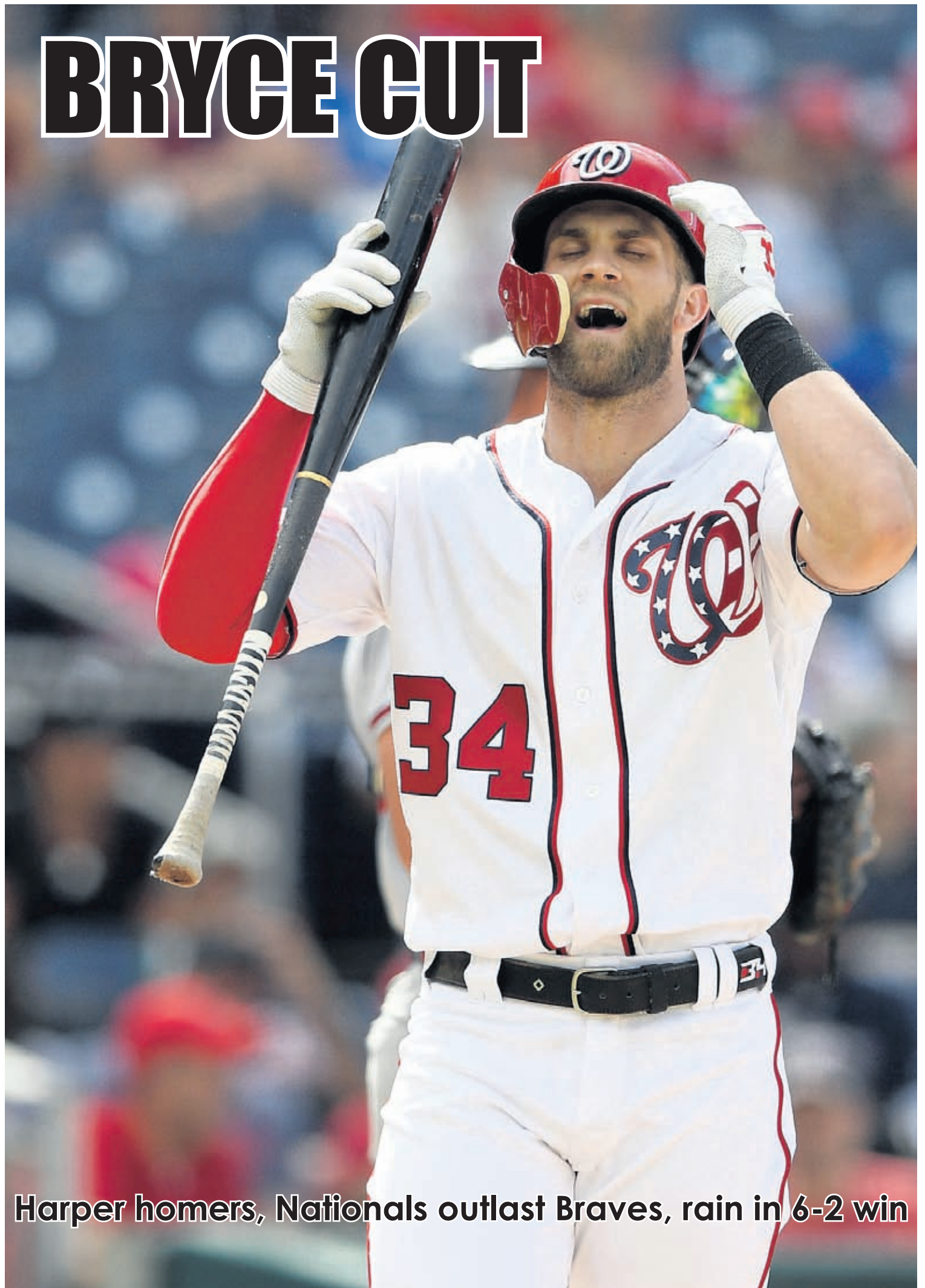
The longtime U.S. swimming star has been banned from competition until July 2019, which means the 12-time Olympic medalist cannot compete as planned in the national championships that start this week in California. Lochte will also be ineligible for other top meets, including the Pan Pacific Championships later this year and next year's world championships.

"This is devastating," Lochte said.

He did not take a banned substance. But he got an intravenous injection of vitamins in May — and since it exceeded 100 milliliters, no matter what was involved, he broke anti-doping rules. The 14-month ban, retroactive to May 24 and announced Monday by USADA, is his second in less than two years following his 10-month suspension for his behavior during a drunken incident that created widespread scorn at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics. "A rule is a rule and I accept that there is a technical violation," Lochte said. "I am hopeful other athletes will learn from my mistake and be mindful of this rule, as well as others." Lochte said he took the IV because both his wife and his son were ill and had recently visited hospitals, and that he didn't want to get sick as well.

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# BRYCE CUT



## Harper homers, Nationals outlast Braves, rain in 6-2 win

Washington Nationals' Bryce Harper reacts after he struck out in the third inning of a baseball game against the Atlanta Braves, Sunday, July 22, 2018, in Washington.

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# Tour de France seeking more action from innovative stages

By **ANDREW DAMPF and JOSEPH WILSON**

**Associated Press writers CARCASSONNE, France**

**(AP)** — Tired of watching cycling races where nothing ever seems to happen? The Tour de France thinks it has some solutions to liv-  
en up the action: Shorter mountain stages, intermediate bonus sprints, and a Formula One-like grid start. "Spectators are becoming more and more demanding and they want to see real excitement," says Luca Guercilena, general manager of the Trek-Segafredo team.

"Endurance is a big part of cycling. But if we're able to mix the strain of longer stages with shorter legs that allow space for more attacks, a good mix could be the winner."

While mountain stages in the Tour are traditionally more than 150 kilometers (100 miles) or longer — sometimes beyond 200 kilometers — this Tour features two legs that are relative sprints by comparison.

Stage 11 last week, a 108.5-kilometer leg from Albertville to the La Rosiere ski resort, saw elite riders such as Alejandro Valverde attack from far out, forcing Team Sky to increase its pace far earlier than it would have liked.

Stage 17 on Wednesday from Bagneres-De Luchon to Saint-Lary-Soulan Col



**Team Sky with Britain's Geraint Thomas, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, and Britain's Chris Froome, to his right, sets the pace for the pack during the fifteenth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 181.5 kilometers (112.8 miles) with start in Millau and finish in Carcassonne, France, Sunday July 22, 2018.**

du Portet in the Pyrenees promises to be even more unpredictable at just 65 kilometers over three grueling climbs, including an up-hill finish.

"It's not really been done before so it's going to be tough. It's basically up, down, up, down, up — 2 1/2 hours full gas racing," says Geraint Thomas, the Team Sky rider wearing the yellow jersey. "I'm sure it will be good to watch, maybe not to race."

On longer mountain stages, the top-placed riders usually wait until the final climb to swing into action, saving precious energy in the preceding hours for what they hope will be a decisive attack with the finish line approaching.

"What eventually you want to see is that the race goes on and that the best case scenario is that the big boys make the clash between each other. ... It is the future of cycling, I think," says

**Associated Press**  
Tom Steels, the Quick-Step team sports director and a former rider who won nine Tour stages over his career. "In stage races, the shorter they are, the better it is." With Sky dominating the Tour in recent years and easily chasing down any attacks from far out, the shorter stages should lessen the British team's ability to maintain control. "On a 200-kilometer stage, riders probably won't attack on the first climb. But if

it's 110 kilometers, anything can happen, even for the GC contenders," says Franco Pellizotti, the Italian who at 40 is the oldest rider in this Tour.

One of the downsides of shorter mountain stages is that muscular sprinters have a tough time keeping up with the leaner climbers. Sprinting standouts Mark Cavendish and Marcel Kittel each failed to make the time cut in Stage 11 and were eliminated from the Tour.

But the Tour has tried to provide more opportunities for sprinters, too, by adding intermediate time bonuses in the first nine stages of this race. Usually placed between 15 and 30 kilometers before the finish, the intermediate sprints award time bonuses of three, two and one seconds to the riders who cross first, second and third, respectively.

"So close to the (finish), it's all about, 'Do I go for it or not?' Maybe if they put it earlier in the race it could have been a bigger battle," Steels says. "There is some interest there."

Another innovation, a grid start, will be tested in Stage 17, the short mountain leg. The top 20 riders in the standings will start first, with the yellow jersey wearer in pole position, while lower-ranked riders will be forced to begin in four more groups further behind. □



**British Formula One driver Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes AMG GP crosses the finish line of the 2018 Formula One Grand Prix of Germany at the Hockenheimring in Hockenheim, Germany, July 22, 2018.**

**Associated Press**

## Formula 1 says no Miami race before 2020

**MIAMI (AP)** — Plans for a new Formula One race in Miami are on hold at least until 2020.

The racing series had hoped to stage a Miami grand prix in 2019 but announced Monday that negotiations have taken too long to get it on next year's racing calendar.

While calling negotiations "complicated," F1 managing director for commercial operations Sean Bratches said the series is committed to keep trying to stage a Miami race in 2020.

Formula One's American

ownership group, Liberty Media, wants to grow the series in the U.S. F1 has three races in North America in Austin, Texas, Montreal and Mexico City.

The Miami race has been proposed as a street course, which led to concerns from some locals that it would disrupt neighborhoods.

"We have always said that we wouldn't compromise on delivering the best possible race," Bratches said. "If that meant waiting until 2020, then that was far more preferable than sign-

ing off on a sub-optimal race track, just to do a deal."

The Florida race is supported by Miami Mayor Francis Suarez and Miami Dolphins owner Stephen Ross.

Formula One races in cities across the globe but left the U.S. from 2008-2012. It returned with the U.S. Grand Prix in Texas at the Circuit of the Americas, a \$300 million facility built specifically for F1.

A Miami street race would be the first F1 street race in the U.S. since 1991 in Phoenix. □



# Troy Merritt wins rain-delayed Barbasol, gains spot in PGA

By GARY B. GRAVES

AP Sports Writer

NICHOLASVILLE, Ky. (AP)

— Troy Merritt briefly wondered about trying another line of work as time passed following his initial PGA Tour victory more than three years ago.

He can now look forward to two more years as a professional and participation in next month's PGA Championship after clutch putting earned him his second trophy.

Merritt shot a 5-under 67 on Monday to win the rain-delayed Barbasol Championship by one stroke. He led or shared the lead after each round. This was his second career PGA Tour victory and came with a spot in the PGA Championship at Bellerive in St. Louis. A pretty nice payoff for renewed dedication that helped him keep his tour card after struggling to follow up his 2015 Quicken Loans National victory.

"You always ask yourself, is this the time to move on?" said Merritt, who earned \$630,000 and 300 FedEx Cup points with the victory.



In this July 20, 2018, file photo, Troy Merritt celebrates with caddie Wayne Burch on the 18th green after completing the second round of the PGA Tour's Barbasol Championship golf tournament at Keene Trace Golf Club in Nicholasville, Ky.

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He also is exempt through the 2019-20 season.

"To get a win like this late in the season and move up to No. 65 on the points list and secure a job for two more years, it's a pretty good feeling."

The win highlights a good

run for Merritt, who is 34-under par in his last seven rounds dating back to the second round of last week's John Deere Classic. He tied for 43rd.

Merritt was one of four players tied for the lead at 18 under when the round at

Barbasol began. He made five birdies, including an eagle on the par-4 eighth hole, to stay in contention. Consecutive birdies on Nos. 14 and 15 at the Champions Trace at Keene Trace Golf Club put him into the lead before he finished with

pars for a 23-under 265.

"We knew it was going to take a lot of birdies to get the job done, but we didn't focus on any final number," Merritt said. "We just continued to do our best on each shot and counted them up at the end, and it was one shot in the positive for us."

Billy Horschel (67), Richy Werenski (66) and Tom Lovelady (68) were a stroke behind. J.T. Poston was fifth at 21 under, with Brian Gay sixth at 20 under.

The Monday finish was the PGA Tour's second this season and first since Jason Day won the Farmers Insurance Open in January on the sixth playoff hole.

The final round had a play-off feel as well, with Merritt, Robert Streb, six-time PGA Tour winner Hunter Mahan and Lovelady tied for the lead. Competition remained tight as the leaders dealt with a course left mushy by steady showers. Merritt passed the down-time by watching the final round of the British Open and used the rest to play his way into the final major of the season. □

## Furyk not ready to commit to taking Woods for Ryder Cup

By DOUG FERGUSON

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland

(AP) — Ryder Cup captain Jim Furyk says it was fun to watch Tiger Woods contend at the British Open and briefly take the lead in the final round. Whether that means Woods is a lock for the U.S. team is still to be determined.

"I'm going to handle him the way I do everyone else," Furyk said Monday before boarding a flight for the Canadian Open. "I'll ask my top eight guys. The way he's playing, he might be one of them. I'll ask the vice captains, collectively, and I think we'll do the best we can to round out the team. We want the guys playing the best."

Woods moved from No. 31 to No. 20 in the Ryder Cup standings with two tourna-

ments remaining before the top eight qualify for the Sept. 28-30 matches in Paris. Points are based on money, and the two events left for Woods — a World Golf Championship and PGA Championship — offer two of the largest purses.

Woods already has been appointed an assistant captain, just as he was at Hazeltine two years ago. He has hinted at being a playing assistant.

He has played just 12 events that offer Ryder Cup points, about half as many tournaments as most American prospects.

Woods had the lead for three holes at Carnoustie until a double bogey at No. 11, and he wound up tied for sixth. It at least moved him to No. 50 in the world ranking, making him eligible

for the \$10 million Bridgestone Invitational next week at Firestone, where he has won eight times.

Furyk looked at more than just Woods.

Over the weekend at Carnoustie, no fewer than seven players had a chance to move into the top eight in the standings — Woods, Xander Schauffele, Kevin Kisner, Kevin Chappell, Tony Finau, Zach Johnson and Matt Kuchar.

"We had a lot of guys in pretty good form," Furyk said. "Flip over to Tiger, you look at him because he's Tiger, and he's earned a lot of attention. ... I loved seeing him play well. I loved seeing him jump to 20th. It's fun to watch. But we'll handle him like everyone else." Furyk was a vice captain under Davis Love III at Ha-



Tiger Woods of the US walks onto the 18th green during the final round for the 147th British Open Golf championships in Carnoustie, Scotland, Sunday, July 22, 2018.

Associated Press

zeltine in 2016 and was under consideration for one of the four captain's picks. He was involved in frank discussions with the captain, and he sees this situation — if it comes down to that — unfolding the same way.

Furyk said a big part of his decision on captain's picks would be matching players with the course at Le

Golf National, where the matches will be played. Furyk and a few Americans took a scouting trip on the weekend before the British Open. He said Finau played the course mainly with a 3-iron, and Justin Thomas hit only seven drivers over 72 holes during the French Open.

"It's a good second-shot golf course," he said. □



**RYAN LOCHTE**

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He said the IV contained B-12 and other vitamins that could be purchased at any pharmacy.

He and his wife both got IV infusions in Gainesville, Florida, he said, to bolster their immune systems.

"I've been swimming my whole life and I've been monitored by USADA for my entire competitive career," Lochte said. "I have never taken a prohibited substance. I have never attempted to gain any advantage over my competition by putting anything illegal in my body. I would never do that."

In Brazil, he there were questions about his version of what happened.

This time, he revealed what happened — obviously unaware of the ramifications it would bring.

Lochte's violation came to light when he posted the photo of him getting the IV on his social media accounts. That triggered the USADA investigation, one

that Lochte "fully cooperated" with according to U.S. officials.

"Lochte received an intravenous infusion of permitted substances at an infusion clinic," the USADA announcement of the suspension said. Under most circumstances, athletes cannot receive IVs unless related to a hospitalization or when allowed under the terms of a USADA-approved exemption — and Lochte fell into neither of those categories.

Suspensions for use of an IV are extremely rare: The USADA database shows only two other athletes being sanctioned for using such a method, one of them getting a six-month suspension and the other a 14-month ban, just like Lochte. That same database shows that before Monday, no other U.S. swimmer in the last 10 years, for any reason including actual positive tests, had been suspended for more than one year by USADA.

This week could have been



**In this Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2016, file photo, United States' Ryan Lochte checks his time in a men's 4x200-meter freestyle heat at the 2016 Summer Olympics, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.**

**Associated Press**

a significant step forward for Lochte, who was entered in four events at the U.S. championships at Irvine, California and was preparing to compete in what would have been his biggest competition since the Rio Games. Lochte said that he and three other U.S. Olympic swimmers there were robbed at gunpoint at a gas station, a story that quickly unraveled.

The investigation in Brazil is continuing, and Lochte said it's "concerning" to him

that a court there recently decided that he could still face prosecution for filing a false report.

Lochte was not only suspended 10 months for that debacle, but also forfeited \$100,000 in Olympic medal bonus money and was banned from competing in last year's national and world championships.

And now, he's back in hot water. USADA agreed to start the 14-month clock on May 24, the day that he posted the photo that

no longer can be found on his Instagram page. He reiterated Monday that he wants to compete in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, though those hopes would seem to be in at least some doubt now.

"I should know better," Lochte said. Lochte spent much of his career portraying a party-boy image, while his wildly successful exploits in the pool — six Olympic golds, 36 world championship gold medals, no fewer than four world records — were always overshadowed by 28-time Olympic medalist and 23-time Olympic champion Michael Phelps. After Rio, Lochte was dropped by at least four major sponsors including Speedo USA and Ralph Lauren, though he has added some endorsement deals since. He was also apparently targeted by two men wearing t-shirts bearing an anti-Lochte message rushed the stage while he was competing on ABC's "Dancing with the Stars." □

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## Sale wins 5th straight start, leads Red Sox over Tigers 9-1

### The Associated Press

Chris Sale struck out nine in six scoreless innings to win his fifth consecutive start, and Jackie Bradley Jr. hit a three-run homer and the Boston Red Sox beat the Detroit Tigers 9-1 victory on Sunday for their 19th win in 23 games.

Sale (11-4) allowed two hits, lowered his ERA to an AL-best 2.13 and won his sixth straight decision.

Blaine Hardy (3-3) gave up four runs and five hits in three-plus innings.

**ATHLETICS 6, GIANTS 5**  
**OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)** — Jeurys Familia got the win in his Oakland debut when Marcus Semien scored from second base on Matt Chapman's infield chopper in the 10th inning.

A day after he was acquired from the Mets, Familia (1-0) allowed one hit in two scoreless innings.

Khris Davis and Matt Olson each homered twice. Ty Blach (6-6) was the loser.

**ANGELS 14, ASTROS 5**  
**ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)** — Mike Trout drove in a teammate for the first time in more than a month, homering to cap a seven-run burst in seventh inning.

Trout hit his 26th home run, a drive off Chris Deveniski that followed Andrelton Simmons' single. Trout's only RBIs since June 19 had been a pair of solo homers. Andrew Heaney (6-6) won his fourth consecutive home start, allowing one run, four hits and two walks in six innings.

Lance McCullers Jr. (10-5) gave up five runs, six hits and five walks in 4 1/3 innings.

**BLUE JAYS 5, ORIOLES 4**  
**TORONTO (AP)** — Yanger-

vis Solarte hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the eighth inning off Tanner Scott (1-2), and Toronto rallied from a 4-1 deficit to complete a three-game sweep. The Blue Jays are 9-1 against the Orioles this season, including seven straight wins. Baltimore has lost 20 of its last 25 games and is a big league-worst 28-72. The Orioles were swept in a three-game series for the eighth time this season and have been swept in three four-game series, including at Toronto in early June.

John Axford (4-1) won despite allowing two runs in the eighth. Tyler Clippard finished for his seventh save.

**ROYALS 5, TWINS 3**  
**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)** — Slow-footed catcher Drew Butera broke a 2-2 tie with a three-run, inside-the-park home run off Zach Duke (3-4) when center fielder Jake Cave failed in his attempt to make a diving catch in the seventh inning.

Kansas City swept a series for the first time since last July 24-26 at Detroit.

Brad Keller (3-4) struck out a career-high eight in seven-plus innings, allowing three runs and three hits. Wily Peralta got three outs for his fourth save.

**RANGERS 5, INDIANS 0**  
**ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)** — Rougned Odor drove in three runs, Ryan Rua hit a two-run homer and Texas withstood the heat on a 108-degree afternoon to stop a four-game losing streak. Yovani Gallardo (4-1) and three relievers combined on a five-hitter against the AL Central leader, which had outscored Texas 25-11 in the



Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Chris Sale throws during the first inning of a baseball game against the Detroit Tigers, Sunday, July 22, 2018, in Detroit.

Associated Press

first two games of the series. Mike Clevinger (7-6) lost his third straight start, allowing two runs, four hits and four walks in 6 2/3 innings.

**MARINERS 8, WHITE SOX 2**  
**SEATTLE (AP)** — Ryon Healy hit a pair of three-run homers for a career-best six RBIs, Healy homered in a five-run first off Reynaldo Lopez (4-8) and in the eighth against Hector Santiago, giving him 20 homers and 53 RBIs this

season. Marco Gonzales (11-5) won his fourth consecutive start, allowing two runs and four hits in 6 1/3 innings. He did not give up a hit or a walk in the first five innings. □



# Kemp goes deep twice, Dodgers blow out Brewers 11-2

**The Associated Press**

**MILWAUKEE (AP)** — Manny Machado had a double to drive in his first run since he was acquired from Baltimore, Matt Kemp hit a pair of solo homers off Brent Suter (8-7) and Chris Taylor had three RBIs for the NL West leaders.

Alex Wood (6-5) won his fifth straight decision, allowing two runs, five hits and three walks in six innings. Milwaukee has lost eight of nine, dropping 3 1/2 games behind the NL Central-leading Cubs.

**CUBS 7, CARDINALS 2**

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Matt Carpenter's streak of consecutive games with home runs ended at six as Jose Quintana (9-6) allowed two runs and six hits in seven innings.

Kyle Schwarber hit a tie-breaking solo homer off Mike Mayers (2-1) with two outs in the sixth.

St. Louis has lost seven of 11.

**PADRES 10, PHILLIES 2**

**PHILLIES 5, PADRES 0**

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Vince Velasquez (6-8) allowed two hits over seven innings, struck out seven and walked one to gain the split and Philadelphia widened its NL East lead to one game over second-place Atlanta.

Odubel Herrera hit a solo homer in the fourth against Luis Perdomo (1-5). After a pair of batters reached



Milwaukee Brewers' Zach Davies walks back to the mound after giving up a home run to Los Angeles Dodgers' Matt Kemp during the third inning of a baseball game Sunday, July 22, 2018, in Milwaukee.

against Perdomo in the seventh, Carlos Santana hit a bloop run-scoring single against Phil Maton and Rhys Hoskins added his second homer of the day and 16th this season, a three-run drive.

Freddy Galvis was 6 for 11 with four RBIs in the series. He spent six seasons with the Phillies before he was dealt to San Diego in December for right-hander Enyel De Los Santos.

Tyson Ross (6-8) allowed two runs and five hits in five innings in the opener. He had been 0-5 in seven starts since beating Cincinnati on June 3, losing his previous three outings.

Nick Pivetta (6-8) gave up six runs — four earned — and eight hits in 5 1/3 innings.

**PIRATES 9, REDS 2**

**CINCINNATI (AP)** — Corey Dickerson homered for the fourth time in three days, and Pittsburgh extended a winning streak to nine for the first time since June 2013.

Dickerson and Starling Marte hit consecutive homers in a four-run second off Matt Harvey (5-6), who allowed eight runs and eight hits in 3 2/3 innings.

Dickerson went 4 for 5 and finished the series with 21 total bases, helping the Pirates outscore the Reds

by a combined 27-5. Last-place Cincinnati has lost four in a row.

Ivan Nova (6-6) allowed two runs and five hits in 6 2/3 innings, improving to 4-1 in his last eight starts. He also singled to stop his hitless slide at 63 at-bats.

**NATIONALS 6, BRAVES 2**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Bryce Harper homered and Max Scherzer (13-5) won his third straight start, striking out seven in six innings while allowing two runs and eight hits.

Kelvin Herrera got five outs for his first save with Washington, and Anthony Rendon had two hits and drove in two runs.

The start of the game was delayed 1 hour, 55 minutes by rain, and another down-pour stopped play for almost 100 minutes between the sixth and seventh innings.

Mike Foltyniewicz (7-6) gave up four runs and nine hits over 5 2/3 innings.

**RAYS 6, MARLINS 4**

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)**

— Pinch-hitter Daniel Robertson connected for a game-ending grand slam off Kyle Barraclough (0-4).

Tampa Bay right-hander Chris Archer struck out 13 in six innings. But he allowed four runs, three earned, and eight hits in front of scouts from several playoff contenders. Adam Kolarek (1-0) allowed one hit in two scoreless innings.

**DIAMONDBACKS 6, ROCKIES 1**

**PHOENIX (AP)** — Zack Greinke (11-5) allowed two hits and struck out a season-high 13 in eight innings to stop Colorado's seven-game winning streak and move ahead of the Rockies back into second in the NL West, 1 1/2 games behind the Dodgers.

Nick Ahmed drove in three runs with a two-run triple and bases-loaded walk.

Antonio Senzatela (3-3), activated from the disabled list after recovering from a finger blister, gave up four runs and five hits in 5 1/3 innings. □

# Cespedes has MRI and is examined by foot specialist



New York Mets' Yoenis Cespedes connects for a base hit against the New York Yankees during the sixth inning of a baseball game, Friday, July 20, 2018, in New York.

**Associated Press**

**By RONALD BLUM**

**AP Baseball Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Mets outfielder Yoenis Cespedes had an MRI and was examined by a specialist in an effort to determine whether he needs surgery on both feet that would sideline him for 8-to-10 months.

"I guess what we're looking to find out is if it has progressed to the point where it's something that cannot be managed with the conservative treatment that we've been using," Mets assistant general manager John Ricco said Monday.

Cespedes homered in Friday night's victory at the

Yankees in his return from the DL after missing two months with a strained right hip flexor. Cespedes has not played since, and New York was awaiting a report and recommendation from the doctors at the Hospital for Special Surgery.

Ricco said the Mets were aware of the foot problem when they acquired Cespedes from Detroit in July 2015. The 32-year-old has been treated with anti-inflammatory medication, stretching exercised and orthotics. The decision whether to have surgery is complicated.

"The club has some say,

and our doctors have a lot of say, but in a case like this where part of it is the pain threshold, the patient has to have some say as well," Ricco explained.

"And so that's something we're going to discuss with the doctors. And I know one thing, Yoenis wants to play baseball. So if he can play, and we saw him the other night, even with the pain he's a difference-making-type guy, I know he wants to be out there. As long as the doctors think he's capable of doing it and if he can play through the pain, we'll have to make that decision as a group." □



# Browns' Gordon missing camp to deal with addiction recovery

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Days before opening training camp, the Cleveland Browns learned Josh Gordon will be missing again. For how long remains unclear.

The troubled wide receiver, who has been suspended numerous times over the past six years by the NFL for drug violations, said on Twitter that he won't be with the team for the start of camp as he continues to recover from addictions that have derailed his once-promising career.

Gordon has missed two full years after being indefinitely suspended by Commissioner Roger Goodell and hasn't played a complete season since 2013, when he led the league in yards receiving and scored nine touchdowns.

While Gordon's social media post was vague, NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said the 27-year-old has not been suspended.

"We will address the matter at the appropriate time," McCarthy said in an email to The Associated Press, adding "there's no timetable" on Gordon's return.

Gordon's disclosure came as the Browns are preparing to begin camp under coach Hue Jackson following a 0-16 season.

The team overhauled its roster during the offseason, adding former Buffalo quarterback Tyrod Taylor, Pro Bowl receiver Jarvis Landry and a few other potential starters in trades before drafting Heisman Trophy-winning QB Baker Mayfield with the first overall pick. Gordon had been a major part of Cleveland's plans for 2018, but those could now be on hold.

In recent weeks, rumors that Gordon failed a drug test circulated on social media. But it wasn't until he posted his message Monday that it became known he could be sidelined again.

"I am reaching out to you all personally and letting you know that I am not only doing great physically but mentally as well," Gordon wrote in a statement directed to "my Cleveland Browns and NFL Family."

"You will notice that I will not be in Cleveland for the start of training camp. Rest assured, this, too, is a part of my overall health and treatment plan. I appreciate the awesome support I

have received from teammates, friends, fans, and the Browns organization. Just like you, I am excited to start the season and I have every intention of being ready and available to join my teammates soon to help bring winning football to our fans."

Gordon later followed up with a tweet that said, "Thanks again.. See ya soon."

Because he is in Stage 3 of the NFL's substance-abuse program, Gordon is subject to random drug testing. He faces another indefinite suspension for any violation. Gordon has missed 43 of Cleveland's past 48 games because of suspensions. Last year, he was reinstated by Goodell following a three-month stay in a rehab facility. He returned for the Browns' final five games and caught 18 passes for 335 yards and a touchdown.

Before he returned, Gordon revealed the depths of his substance abuse, saying he had never played in an NFL game sober.

Gordon participated in Cleveland's offseason programs, and the team has



In this June 5, 2018, file photo, Cleveland Browns wide receiver Josh Gordon warms up during the team's organized team activity at its NFL football training facility, in Berea, Ohio.

Associated Press

been encouraged by his commitment to staying clean and active.

Browns general manager John Dorsey said the team has Gordon's back.

"We will continue to support Josh as he receives the care needed to maintain his progress," Dorsey said. "We are going to respect his privacy while he is away from the team. Josh will be placed on the non-football illness reserve list until he is ready to return."

Cleveland will have its first practice Thursday. Gordon's announcement is another blow to an organization trying to rebuild following numerous losing seasons. The Browns haven't been to the playoffs since

2002 and have lost at least 10 games in 15 seasons since 1999.

During minicamp last month, Gordon claimed to be in the best shape of his life and boasted that with he and Landry, the Browns had the league's best receiving corps.

Gordon also said he felt fortunate to be getting another chance.

"Right now for me it's a bunch of the small victories day to day, just being able to come to work," he said on June 12. "Like the little, little things. Having some structure in my life."

Gordon has played in just 40 career games since the Browns selected him in the 2012 supplemental draft. □

# Johnny Manziel traded from Hamilton to Montreal

**MONTREAL (AP)** — Johnny Manziel is headed to the Montreal Alouettes in a reunion with the coach who recruited him to Texas A&M. The Canadian Football League team acquired the former Heisman Trophy winner from the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in a blockbuster trade Sunday.

"I look forward to reuniting with Johnny again and working with him," first-year Montreal coach Mike Sherman, the former Green Bay coach and GM who lured Manziel to College Station, told the Montreal Gazette.

Montreal also got offensive linemen Tony Washington and Landon Rice from the Tiger-Cats for defensive end Jamaal Westerman, wide receiver Chris Williams



In this Thursday, July 19, 2018, file photo, Hamilton Tiger-Cats quarterback Johnny Manziel looks on from the sideline during second-half CFL football game action against the Saskatchewan Roughriders in Hamilton, Ontario.

Associated Press

and first-round draft picks in 2020 and 2021.

The Alouettes made the move a day after starting quarterback Drew Willy sustained his second injury of

the season. Montreal backup Jeff Mathews also is out with a foot injury, leaving third-stringer Matt Shiltz to play the final three quarters Saturday night in a 25-8 loss

at Calgary.

"We have acquired an exceptional quarterback with undeniable talent," Alouettes general manager Kavis Reed said in a statement in a team release. "With his great mobility, his athletic abilities and his instinct we believe that he will have a positive impact on our offence. Landon Rice and Tony Washington are two skilled players that will considerably solidify our offensive line."

Making a comeback after being released by the Cleveland Browns in March 2016, Manziel was unable to get on the field in Hamilton behind starter Jeremiah Masoli. In two preseason games, the former Texas A&M star was 21 of 32 for 168

yards and a touchdown.

"Professional salute & respect for @Ticats @ticat-mitchell & Coach Jones for doing the rgt thing. Thank y'all for the opp & great luck in future!" Manziel's agent, Erik Burkhardt, tweeted Sunday night.

Montreal (1-4) hosts Edmonton on Thursday night. The Alouettes have scored a CFL-low 69 points and allowed a league-high 148.

"This is a move both Kavis Reed and I felt we needed to make at this time," Sherman said. "Neither one of us believes in the status quo and felt we needed to shake things up. Johnny is someone we believe can elevate one of the most important positions on our team." □



# Mystery: Who bought websites implying U.S. senators 'for sale'

By **TAMI ABDOLLAH**

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Dozens of web addresses implying U.S. senators were "for sale" have been quietly and mysteriously purchased online, amid heightened concerns on Capitol Hill that foreign agents — especially Russians — might be trying to meddle in upcoming mid-term elections.

An Associated Press investigation found the responsible party: Democrats.

The Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee acknowledged to the AP that it had quietly purchased the addresses, which use a new internet suffix "forsale," in March for at least 27 incumbent senators facing re-election this fall and in 2020, without telling the senators. The cybersecurity director for the sergeant-at-arms, the highest-ranking U.S. law enforcement officer in the Senate, has been looking into the matter.

The addresses now controlled by the Democratic political group include the names of mostly Democrats but some prominent Republicans, too. The group masked its role in the purchase to ensure its identity as the buyer remained anonymous. The current price for such addresses, with a privacy guard, is roughly \$18 each.

"It's a routine campaign practice to purchase URLs to stop bad actors from getting them, and if we eventually decided to develop a URL into a website then there would be a clear disclosure of who was operating it," said Lauren Passalacqua, communications director at the DSCC. Buying politically-related web addresses to use them later online — or prevent rival campaigns from using them — has been a routine practice for decades. But Washington has been transfixed by criminal charges filed against Russian military officers accused of secretly meddling in the 2016 presidential campaign, accused by federal prosecutors of setting up websites



In this Jan. 21, 2018 file photo, lights shine inside the U.S. Capitol Building as night falls in Washington. Associated Press

like DCLeaks.com and using anonymous Twitter accounts to peddle embarrassing information about U.S. politicians.

U.S. intelligence chief Dan Coats has cautioned that the "warning lights are blinking red" and that "the digital infrastructure that serves this country is literally under attack."

The mysterious "forsale" purchases set off alarms. AP's review found roughly 280 political web addresses registered under the "forsale" domain, targeting President Donald Trump, the GOP, Supreme Court and National Rifle Association, as well as individual Democrats and Republicans. The Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee said it was responsible for at least 27 of them targeting U.S. senators and didn't provide further details.

"In this particular atmosphere, anything along these lines is concerning, because there's so much opportunity for malicious use of the internet, particularly in campaigns," said Sen. Angus King, I-Maine, before AP solved the mystery. King declined to comment after learning from AP that Democrats were responsible.

The latest actions show how lines and motives in American politics can blur among foreign adversaries,

U.S. dirty-tricksters, pranksters or speculators hoping eventually to sell the web addresses to campaigns or their rivals. None of the addresses for the senators appears to be associated with an operational website, obscuring motives for future uses. Unlike in cases where so-called squatters register web addresses they hope to sell for profit, there were no indications the addresses were being made available for resale or populated with ads to make money.

Tim Groeling, an expert on political communication and new media at the University of California, Los Angeles, said the anonymity sought by the Democratic group was what troubled him. The identities of whoever registered the websites were purposefully masked. He said it's common for campaigns to purchase permutations of candidate names defensively and to use offensively against political opponents.

"The lack of transparency is both concerning from a standpoint of the potential for other governments to do this type of thing and not be revealed, and our domestic politics," Groeling said. "I'm a big fan of transparency. I think a lot of things can be fixed with sunlight."

The addresses use the new

internet suffix "forsale" first made available in 2015 and intended to help consumers sell unwanted items without paying auction sites. The addresses the Democrats registered included the names of Sens. Bob Casey, D-Pa.; Claire McCaskill, D-Mo.; King; Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass.; Ted Cruz, R-Texas; Heidi Heitkamp, D-N.D.; Bernie Sanders, I-Vt.; Roger Wicker, R-Miss. and Dean Heller, R-Nev.

The technology infrastructure of the U.S. Senate and its offices around the country are the responsibility of the sergeant at arms. Terry Gainer, who previously served as sergeant at arms until 2014, said that if he had learned of the mysterious addresses in the current political environment, he would have his cybersecurity officer as well as the Capitol Police made aware. He said he would also ask the Secret Service and FBI to investigate.

"I don't believe in coincidences, and again, what's been going on since the whole Russian intrusions, there'd be much more sensitivity about taking a look at this," Gainer said.

It was unclear who purchased the addresses targeting the NRA, GOP and others. Internet records showed they were purchased anonymously hours

before the Democrats bought the ones with the senators' names, and within seconds of each other. The address implying the Supreme Court was for sale was purchased last month. "It's no different from dot-sucks," said Paul Vixie, a highly regarded computer scientist who helped design the system of internet addresses currently in use. "Social commentary has always thrived on the internet, due to reach and cost issues. These politicians are right to reserve those names, but wrong if they think other domains only slightly less clean won't appear."

Warren's staff declined to comment, as did McCaskill's and Cruz's. Heller, Casey, Heitkamp, Sanders and Wicker did not respond to questions. The GOP, DNC and NRA also did not respond to questions from the AP.

The U.S. Senate Sergeant at Arms Office declined to comment on the "active defense" of its system. Politicians and celebrities, especially, have trademark rights to their own names, and can file a complaint and request arbitration through the World Intellectual Property Organization or the National Arbitration Forum with whoever registered the website, according to Alexander Urbelis, a partner at the New York-based Blackstone Law Group who detected the new registrations.

"It's a really nutty thing to do unilaterally because it's going to set off alarm bells," Urbelis said.

Rick Tyler, a longtime Republican political consultant, said such website purchases are typical campaign tactics. He said third parties, like super PACs, are often used so the campaigns themselves appear virtuous.

"Ultimately in all of this, with the Russian meddling and the fake news ... it gets very confusing," Tyler said. "I think the information consumer has to just beware, they have to learn to discern what is true, and what is not." □





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## Banks lead stocks slightly higher, reversing morning slide

By ALEX VEIGA  
Associated Press

U.S. stocks veered slightly higher in afternoon trading Monday as the market recovered from an early slide. Banks accounted for much of the market's gains as bond yields rose, pointing to higher interest rates on consumer loans. Auto-makers, retailers and industrial companies declined. Investors were focused on corporate America as the busiest week of the earnings reporting season got underway.

**KEEPING SCORE:** The S&P 500 index rose 4 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,806 as of 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time. The Dow Jones Industrial Average added 12 points, or 0.1 percent, to 25,070. The Nasdaq gained 13 points, or 0.2 percent, to 7,833. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks picked up 3 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,700. The S&P 500, the market's benchmark index, is on a three-week winning streak.

**EYE ON EARNINGS:** A third of the companies in the S&P 500 are set to report second-quarter earnings this week. So far, corporate earnings have been generally better than expected, reinforcing the underlying perception in financial markets that the U.S. economy is performing strongly and that the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates next month.



Trader James Dresch works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Monday, July 23, 2018.  
Associated Press

**THE QUOTE:** "Earnings are coming in better than expected, but you're not getting much of a reaction from the marketplace," said Tom Martin, senior portfolio manager of Global Investments. "People are biding their time."

**SUDDEN EXIT:** Fiat Chrysler Automobiles slid 2.4 percent to \$18.86 on news that CEO Sergio Marchionne has been replaced unexpectedly due to complications from shoulder surgery last month.

The FCA board on Saturday named long-time Jeep executive Mike Manley as CEO, accelerating a transition that was planned for early next year. Boards also named replacements for Marchionne as Ferrari CEO and CNH Industrial chairman. Shares in Ferrari fell 4.4 percent to \$133.90, while CNH Industrial gave up 1.4 percent to \$10.13.

**CASH QUESTIONS:** Tesla skidded 3.5 percent to \$302.61 after The Wall Street Journal reported that the electric car maker has asked some

of its suppliers to refund a portion of what the company has already spent to help it become profitable. The plea raised questions about Tesla's cash position, which has dwindled following some production issues.

**JUST ONE SLICE:** Papa John's sank 9.2 percent to \$46.86 after the pizza delivery company adopted a shareholder rights plan to keep founder and ousted chairman John Schnatter from buying a majority stake. The company is struggling to distance itself from Schnatter, who resigned this month after his use of a racial slur during a media training session was revealed. Schnatter has since said his resignation was a "mistake" and criticized the company's handling of the incident.

**FRACKED:** Halliburton slumped 8.3 percent to \$41.47 after management said in a conference call with analysts that some customers are pulling back on production, particularly in the Permian basin, be-

cause of bottlenecks in getting the oil and gas they're producing to market. The drilling services company also noted that the cost of materials is rising. The situation will stymie further price increases in the third quarter, the company said.

**READY TO PLAY:** Shares in Hasbro surged 13.6 percent to \$106.68 after the toy maker's latest quarterly earnings topped Wall Street's forecasts. Rival Mattel also got a boost, climbing 4.4 percent to \$16.68.

**ENERGY:** Oil prices fell, erasing gains from earlier

in the day. Benchmark U.S. crude dropped 51 cents to \$68.75 per barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, lost 36 cents to \$72.71.

**BOND YIELDS:** Bond prices fell. The yield on the 10-year Treasury rose to 2.96 percent from 2.89 percent late Friday. The increase in bond yields helped lift bank shares. Interest rates on mortgages and other consumer loans tend to move in tandem with bond yields. Rising rates translate into bigger profits for banks from credit cards, mortgages and other consumer loans. JPMorgan Chase added 2.5 percent to \$114.03.

**CURRENCIES:** The dollar fell to 111.43 yen from 111.52 yen on Friday. The euro weakened to \$1.1700 from \$1.1726.

**MARKETS OVERSEAS:** In Europe, Germany's DAX fell 0.1 percent while the CAC 40 in France slid 0.4 percent. The FTSE 100 index of leading British shares declined 0.3 percent. Major indexes in Asia finished mixed.

Japan's Nikkei 225 tumbled 1.3 percent and South Korea's Kospi dropped 0.9 percent. Hong Kong's Hang Seng added 0.1 percent to 28,256.12. Australia's S&P-ASX 200 fell 0.9 percent to 6,227.60. □

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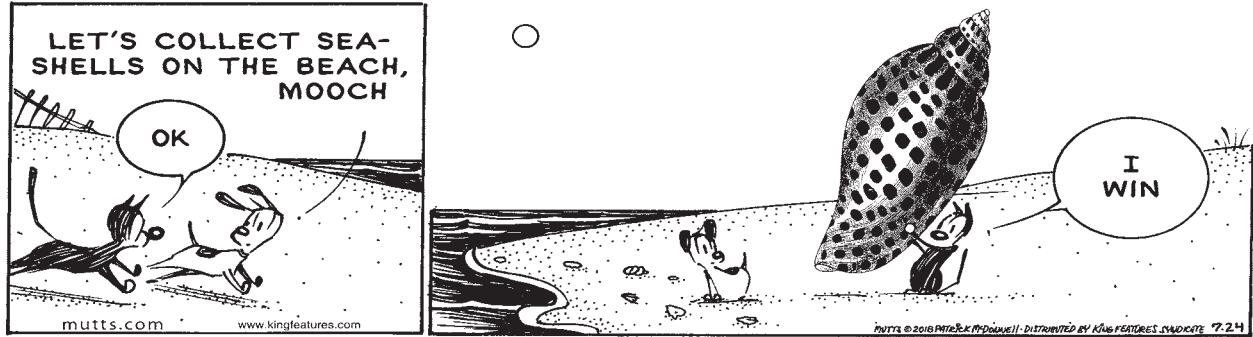
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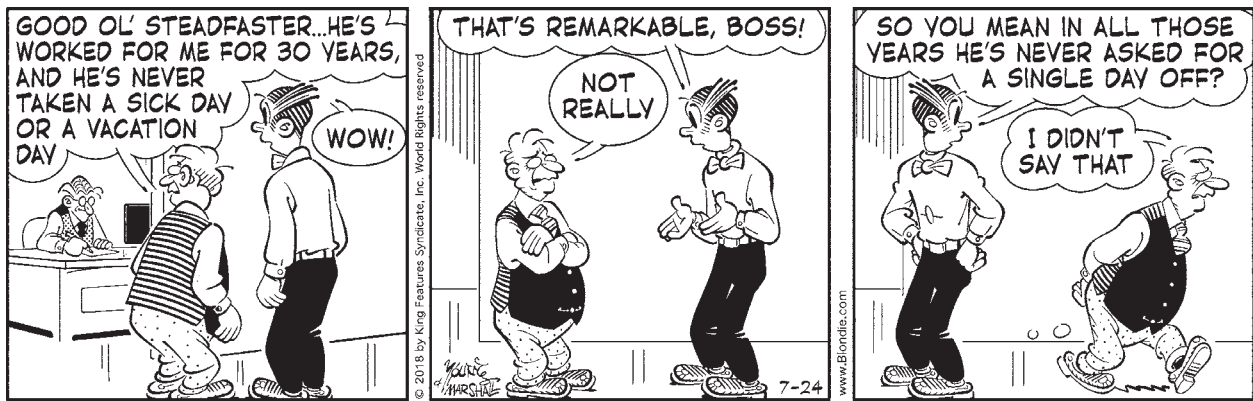
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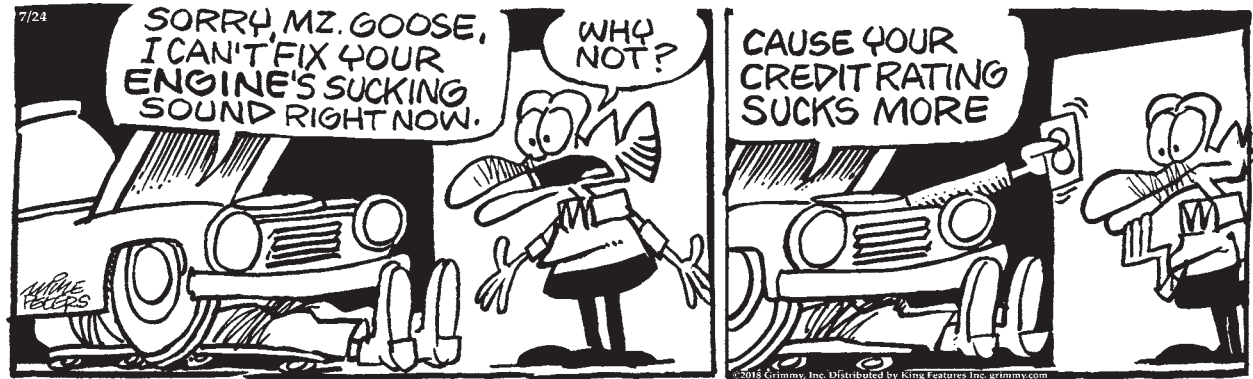
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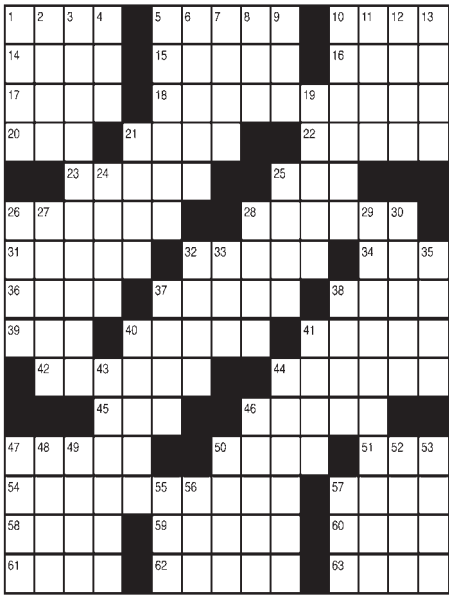
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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- 1 Eats  
5 Ropers' competition  
10 Sworn statement  
14 Dogwood or spruce  
15 Arctic or Atlantic  
16 Untethered  
17 Monster  
18 From that time on  
20 Moist  
21 "\_\_\_ on it!"; cry to a slowpoke  
22 Cowboy's rope  
23 Higher of two  
25 Heavy weight  
26 President Harding  
28 Frank; open  
31 Part of the arm  
32 Investigation  
34 Fem. title  
36 Radar screen image  
37 Mertz & Flintstone  
38 BBQ attachment  
39 Item for confession  
40 Unsuspecting  
41 Gray marsupial  
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44 Ridiculously small  
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50 Meat store purchase  
51 3 months ago: abbr.  
54 Leading the way  
57 Up to the task  
58 Tool with a blade  
59 Rent long-term  
60 Biting insect  
61 In \_\_\_ of; lacking  
62 Couch potato  
63 Cubs or Bears
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12 Golf pegs  
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24 \_\_\_ up; support  
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29 Like a road that can't be crossed  
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46 Good judgment  
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# Drought forces emergency measures for U.S. West's wild horses

By JULIAN HATTEM

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)**—Harsh

drought conditions in parts of the American West are pushing wild horses to the brink and spurring extreme measures to protect them. For what they say is the first time, volunteer groups in Arizona and Colorado are hauling thousands of gallons of water and truckloads of food to remote grazing grounds where springs have run dry and vegetation has disappeared.

Federal land managers also have begun emergency roundups in desert areas of Utah and Nevada.

"We've never seen it like this," said Simone Netherlands, president of the Arizona-based Salt River Wild Horse Management Group. In May, dozens of horses were found dead on the edge of a dried-up watering hole in northeastern Arizona.

As spring turned to summer, drought conditions turned from bad to worse, Netherlands said.

Parts of Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico are under the most severe category of drought, though extreme conditions are present from California to Missouri, government analysts say. Parts of the region have witnessed some of the driest conditions on record, amid a cycle of high temperatures and low snowmelt that appears to be getting worse, National Weather Service hydrologist Brian McNerney said. The dry conditions have fed wildfires that have destroyed hundreds of buildings across the West. This month, a firefighter was killed battling a blaze near California's Yosemite National Park.

The federal Bureau of Land



In this June 29, 2018 photo, wild horses drink from a watering hole outside Salt Lake City.

Associated Press

Management — which oversees vast expanses of public land, mostly in the West — says the problem facing wild horses stems from overpopulation aggravated by severe drought. The region is home to roughly 67,000 wild horses.

"You're always going to have drought issues. That's a common thing out on the range," agency spokesman Jason Lutterman said. "What really exacerbates things is when we're already over population, because then you already have resource issues."

The agency's emergency roundup in western Utah began a week ago, aiming to remove roughly 250 wild horses from a population of

approximately 670. The operation is expected to take several weeks.

Once the horses are rounded up, the government gives them veterinary treatment and offers them for sale or adoption. Those that aren't sold or adopted are transferred to privately contracted corrals and pastures for the long term. A similar emergency roundup began this month in central Nevada, where officials said some horses in a herd of 2,100 could die from lack of water in coming weeks. The operation was quickly halted, ironically because of extreme rain, but will likely resume. "The ground's so dry it's not absorbing that water. It's running off," bureau spokeswoman Jenny

Lesieutre said.

Volunteers are also taking action.

Since late spring, Netherlands's Salt River group has hauled hay to a dozen locations outside Phoenix to feed a herd of starving wild horses.

Roughly 200 miles (320 kilometers) north, a couple near Gray Mountain, on the Navajo Nation, have spearheaded an effort to leave water and food for horses they say would die without human intervention.

In western Colorado, volunteers say they're preparing to bring up to 5,000 gallons (18,900 liters) of water per day to a herd of 750 desperate horses.

"Springs are drying up that have never dried up," said

Cindy Wright, co-founder of Colorado conservation group Wild Horse Warriors for Sand Wash Basin. Horses in the area stalk the dry earth with their ribs exposed, desperate for a drop, she said.

Wild horse advocates have balked at the Bureau of Land Management's insistence that wild horse populations are too high. Critics say the agency is using dry conditions as a smoke screen to shrink horse populations in response to pressure from ranchers whose livestock compete with the horses for grazing land.

"I do have a concern about the larger numbers that they're pulling off, and then a bigger concern about the BLM under this administration using all kinds of excuses to pull off horses," said Suzanne Roy, executive director of the American Wild Horse Campaign, an advocacy organization. The agency is prohibited from euthanizing the wild horses it rounds up, though President Donald Trump has proposed allowing the animals to be killed or sold for slaughter.

Activists in Nevada held a rally last Tuesday at the bureau's state headquarters in Reno to protest a planned roundup later this year.

Critics want the government to instead use birth control to manage wild horse populations.

The bureau says the fertility treatment, which must be administered yearly and fired from a dart gun at close range, is too difficult for use except in certain cases where herds are easy to approach and have markings that make horses distinguishable from one another.

Whatever the long-term answer, volunteers say their efforts can't go on forever. Trucking in water and food could cost several thousand dollars per month and make horses overly dependent on humans, they said. "If we don't have a very good fall with a lot of rain — and it's also warm so that our fall vegetation grows — we're going to lose horses," Wright said. □

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# R. Kelly sings about troubles in revealing 19-minute song

By MESFIN FEKADU

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — R. Kelly sings about his troubles and battles in a new 19-minute song, addressing sexual abuse claims against him that have put a screeching halt on his career.

The song, "I Admit," was posted to Soundcloud on Monday. The track begins with the lyrics, "I admit I have made some mistakes/ And I have some imperfect ways."

R. Kelly gets personal throughout the track, singing that he likes "all the ladies, that's both older and young ladies," following it up with: "But tell me how they call it pedophile because that (expletive) is crazy."

The embattled entertainer has long been accused of behavior that has ranged from questionable to criminal. He was accused of child pornography after a widely circulated videotape appeared to show him having sex with, and urinating on, a teenage girl. He was acquitted of all charges in 2008 and continued to rack up hits and sell out stadiums around the country.

On "I Admit," he sings that he's "not convicted, not arrested, dragged my name in the dirt/All this work to be successful, when you aban-



In this June 30, 2013 file photo, R. Kelly performs at the BET Awards in Los Angeles.

don me 'cause of what you heard."

R. Kelly is one of pop music's best-selling artists and his hits include "Ignition," "I Believe I Can Fly," "Step in the Name of Love" and "Bump N' Grind." He has also written hits for artists ranging from Celine Dion to Michael Jackson to Lady Gaga. While he's written classic love songs and even gospel music, he is defined by sexually explicit songs such as "Feelin' on

Yo Booty," "Your Body's Calling Me," "Sex Me" and even more explicit fare.

In 2002, R. Kelly released a song about his troubles in similar fashion with "Heaven I Need a Hug," a response to his critics at the time. "Media, do your job/ But please just don't make my job so hard," he sang on the song.

On the new song, he says he was sexually abused as a child, singing "a family member touched me"

and revealing he was "so scared to say something, so I just put the blame on me." He also says that he does not own his music, that he dropped out of school and that he "couldn't read the teleprompter when the Grammy's asked me to present (an award)."

"I Admit" was not released on Sony's RCA Records, where R. Kelly is signed. The label said it had no comment about the song. R. Kelly posted a link to the

song Monday with the caption: "Today is the day you've been waiting for."

Despite having a plethora of hit songs, he says he had to borrow money from his record label to "put food on the table."

"I was told I had to sell my cars, I was told I couldn't get a loan/Said I owed 20 million to the IRS and they were coming to get my home," he sings.

"Now the truth in this message is I'm a broke (expletive) legend/The only reason I stay on tour is 'cause I gotta pay my rent," he sings on the new track.

In May, a woman filed a lawsuit against R. Kelly, accusing the singer of sexual battery, knowingly infecting her with herpes and locking her in rooms for punishment.

"They're brainwashed, really?/Kidnapped, really?/ Can't eat, really?/Real talk, that (expletive) sound silly," he sings.

R. Kelly says in the song he had a recent conversation with talk show host Wendy Williams, who asked him about the late singer Aaliyah, who was 15 when she married a 27-year-old R. Kelly in 1994. The marriage was later annulled.

"(Wendy) said, 'What about Aaliyah said?,' R. Kelly sings, responding with: "Love."□

# Lori McKenna has become a must-hear songwriter

By SCOTT STROUD

Associated Press

Lori McKenna "The Tree" (CN Records via Thirty Tigers)

It's rare to read about Lori McKenna without hearing that she got married at 19 and had the first of her five children at 20.

And since her latest album, "The Tree," is a canon of songs about family, it would be easy to pigeon-hole her as a mom singing sweetly about a world she knows well.

That would all be true, but it shouldn't diminish her impact. McKenna also happens to be a brilliant song-

writer.

On "The Tree," she matches melody and mood to simple imagery that lets listeners see the picture she's creating. A mother who can't sit still, for example, is a hummingbird in a living room. A father's billfold in church conveys greater significance than the simple image suggests.

The new album follows closely on "The Bird and the Rifle," McKenna's 2016 gem that netted three Grammy nominations and widespread acclaim.

The praise was well-deserved, but this might be a better album.

Working with producer Dave Cobb, a master at getting the most out of well-crafted songs, McKenna builds on her reputation as a songwriter that other songwriters notice. Her singing is straight-ahead honest, her eyes fixed on the word-portrait she's painting.

In the album's first single, "People Get Old," a heart-rending masterpiece about aging and the passing of time, the heart is in the lyrics. "Every line on your face tells a story somebody knows," she sings.

In McKenna's hands, the story aches with beauty.□



This cover image released by CN Records via Thirty Tigers shows "The Tree," a release by Lori McKenna.

Associated Press



# Meghan McCain a feisty new presence on 'The View.'

By DAVID BAUDER

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Meghan McCain's first instinct when approached to join "The View" was to say no — until her father, Sen. John McCain, convinced her to look past her trepidation to see the opportunity.

In less than a year, she's become a reason to watch ABC's daytime talk show. McCain brings a feisty spirit to the conservative commentator role where predecessors frequently seemed overmatched and overlooked. She often reflects the views of President Donald Trump's supporters at a table and city where they are deeply unpopular, despite ample personal reasons to despise him.

The past few weeks alone, McCain stared down the fury of Whoopi Goldberg to explain her opposition to abortion and labeled Robert De Niro "gross" for his Tony Awards denunciation of Trump. She feuded with a conservative guest who called Trump supporters cult-like, while likening the



This Feb. 28, 2018 photo released by ABC shows Meghan McCain on the set of "The View," in New York.

president to "a pathetic puppy who was completely neutered" for his appearance alongside Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"She is smart, considered and utterly fearless," said Brian Teta, executive producer of "The View."

Some bravery is necessary, since McCain's workplace defines the term "Manhattan liberal." When a comic warming up the studio audience before a show this month asked how many people were Republicans, he heard one whoop, some stray claps and mostly silence. That was before the panelists came out.

Goldberg so detests Trump she won't say his name, preferring "the guy in the White House." The sharp-tongued Joy Behar says she's offended by Republicans.

The show has spit out previous conservatives. Nicolle Wallace is a hit on MSNBC, but was a bad fit on "The View." Jedediah Bila lasted a year. Raise your hand if you remember Candace Cameron Bure. Elisabeth Hasselbeck had the most staying power until leaving for the comfort of Fox News.

The 33-year-old McCain heard the stories.

"This is no shade at women who have been here before, but I knew going

in that I couldn't be intimidated by the others and their strong opinions," she said. "These are all smart, strong women. I had to stay true to my convictions and my politics and not let the physical audience in front of me, which is normally very liberal, or the audience on social media impact my politics. Because a lot of things I say are unpopular."

Her abortion discussion with Goldberg stepped on the third rail of American politics. "I don't believe that murder should be legal in the United States of America and I believe abortion is murder," she said on the air. "It's really that simple." Squabbles with Behar draw the most attention. Seeing them develop is like watching a storm gathering; neither woman has a poker face.

McCain erupted during a discussion about adult film actress Stormy Daniels when Behar joked, "Happy birthday, Melania."

"Was that necessary?" McCain said. "Come on, that was so mean." She said Behar was making fun of the first lady's pain.

"You have no sense of hu-

mor," Behar said, giving her co-host a dismissive wave. "That's your problem."

When McCain urged her colleagues not to give Trump a blanket condemnation, and instead deal with different topics individually, Behar said, "there aren't that many years in my life to take him issue by issue."

A discussion about what the hosts did during a Fourth of July week off exposed their cultural gap. McCain talked about tubing down a creek with her husband and downing Jello shots. Behar, 42 years her senior, didn't know what a Jello shot was.

The show is clearly sensitive to any perception of personal animus; Goldberg last week referenced media reports that speculate about how people get along by showing a picture of Behar, McCain and co-host Sunny Hostin holding up glasses from a liquid lunch the day before. Backstage, McCain said she's developed a kinship with Behar since they're the show's most polarizing hosts.

"I like her a lot," Behar said. "She's a very intelligent girl. She has qualities in her personality that I admire in myself. For example, she's very direct. She does not take hostages — she just says it and moves on and I like that about her." McCain and her family are no fans of Trump personally, given swipes at her father that began with a denigration of his POW status in the Vietnam War. She said her toughest day on the show followed reports of a former Trump aide, Kelly Sadler, dismissing Sen. McCain's opposition to a presidential appointment because he's "dying anyway" of brain cancer. McCain said that day that "I don't understand what kind of environment you're working in when that could be acceptable and you can come into work the next day and still have a job." Yet McCain feels that it's her job to make sure the voices of people who supported Trump are heard. □

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## From 'stalker' to 'walker': Woman gets dream job as zombie

By BRINLEY HINEMAN

Associated Press

**ATLANTA (AP)** — When she's not spending time with her grandchildren, Terrie Hamrick is likely dressed as a zombie.

Hamrick's dream of being a "walker" for "The Walking Dead" came true two seasons ago when she was cast as an extra by AMC, the company that produces the critically acclaimed television series. The show, based on graphic novels, features a group of people fighting to survive a zombie apocalypse.

"Since the show started, I told my children, 'I want to be a walker,'" said Hamrick, 68, who added that she never really believed the dream that has been at the top of her bucket list since 2012 would become reality.

She's one of the 15 regular walkers and even has her own outfit on the set labeled with her name that she wears while filming, she said.

The days are grueling: 14 hours — sometimes longer — in the Georgia heat.

The show has filmed in Senoia, about 35 miles (55 kilometers) south of Atlanta, and nearby Haralson since 2012.



In this June 12, 2018 photo, zombie Terrie Hamrick poses for a photo near the silos made famous by "The Walking Dead" in Haralson, Ga.

Hamrick proudly acknowledges that she was one of the original "walker stalkers" — extreme fans who hang out by the show's set. She became so well known around the set that Michael Rooker, who plays Merle Dixon, warmly called her his "little walker stalker," and Andrew Lincoln, who plays lead character Sheriff Rick Grimes, would point to her whenever he saw her in the distance, Hamrick said. Despite her newfound

fame, Hamrick hasn't quit her other day job: working as a walker for a tour company in Haralson that brings "The Walking Dead" to life for fans. The owner of The Walkin Dead Haralson Tours and Events, Jamie Thompson, scouts locations in Senoia and Haralson for the show.

While in Senoia, production is filmed on sets, but in Haralson, they film on lots, Thompson said. On the tour, fans are guided by a

man playing the part of Daryl Dixon, one of the show's most popular characters, and get to relive moments from the series.

That's where Hamrick comes in.

She makes her entrance in bloody zombie makeup, both terrorizing and delighting those on the tour. One minute she's snarling, ready to devour them. Moments later, she transforms into her grandmotherly self, laughing and taking pho-

tos with fans.

Less than 5 feet (150 centimeters) tall — she officially measures 4 feet, 10-and-a-half inches (147 centimeters), she said, stressing the importance of that extra half-inch — she's doesn't seem at all threatening. But once artist Michelle Molanari transforms her into a gory monster, fans on the streets of Senoia certainly are cautious as they approach, many uttering under their breath, "It looks so real."

"Miss Terrie is a tiny, gentle, soft-spoken grandmother who's always ready with a kind word about everyone," Molanari said.

Between the series and daily Haralson tours, she's hooked on the buzz of the entertainment industry.

"It's exciting for me to see myself on there," Hamrick said. "The show is great, the actors are great, this place is great."

Hamrick even has her own fans now. She recently created a Facebook fan page, where she posts photos of the cast and behind-the-scenes shots of the tours. Within a week, it had nearly 1,000 likes.

"People mob you wanting pictures," she said. "It's so exciting." □

## Paper suggests Kenyan monkey inspired Dr. Seuss' Lorax

By HOLLY RAMER

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**CONCORD, N.H. (AP)** — The furry orange protagonist of "The Lorax" and the Truffula trees for which he spoke may have been inspired by specific monkeys and trees in Kenya, according to researchers at Dr. Seuss' alma mater, Dartmouth College. The 1971 book pits a short, mustachioed "sort of man" who "speaks for the trees" against the Once-ler, a greedy industrialist harvesting the trees into near extinction. Published just after the birth of the modern environmental movement in the United States, the story has won praise for promoting the conservation of natural resources and condemnation from the log-

ging industry. Some have speculated that Seuss was inspired by cypress trees near his California home. But anthropology professor Nathaniel Dominy suggests the whistling thorn acacia commonly found in Kenya makes more sense, given that Seuss wrote much of the book while visiting a safari club there.

The Lorax has been described as an "eco-police-man asserting his authority," they write. But viewing him as a patas monkey might change that perception given that the species relies on the whistling thorn acacia trees for more than 80 percent of its diet.

"A lot of people criticize the Lorax and say he's too angry, he's too upset, that

his rhetoric is problematic and that it's not the way environmentalists should be engaging with policy makers or polluting industries," Dominy said in an interview last week. "Our argument is, no, if the Lorax is based on a living animal that has this tight, co-evolved relationship with a tree, then it's better to think of the Lorax not some indignant steward of the environment but as a participating member of the environment. And then this anger is so much more understandable."

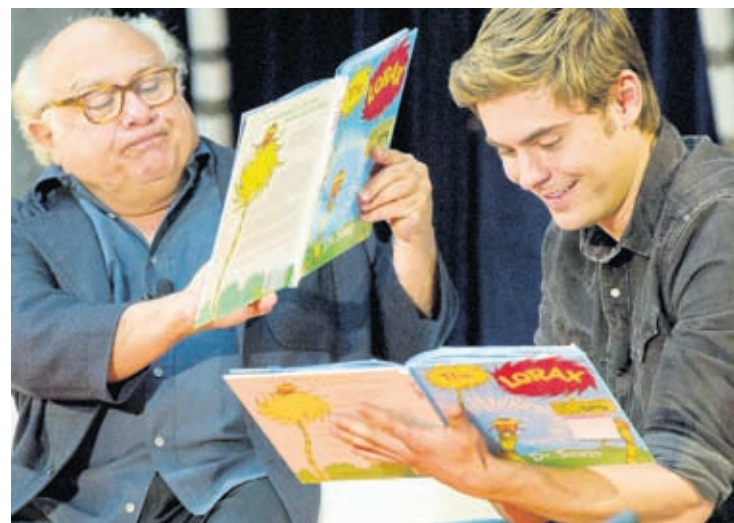
Joe Fassler, a journalist who once called the Lorax a "bossy, pedantic guilt-tripper" in an article for The Atlantic, said Thursday he imagined the Lorax as neither human nor animal,

perhaps a "forest spirit" serving as an outside arbiter.

The new interpretation makes the character much

more vulnerable, he said.

"If it was Seuss's intention to do that, it's very cool that he left it subtle and not explicit," he said. □



In this March. 2, 2012, file photo, Danny DeVito and Zac Efron read "The Lorax" by Dr. Seuss to school children during the Read Across America Day at New York Public Library in New York.

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# Texas ranch shows President Johnson's struggles and triumphs

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**STONEWALL, Texas (AP)**

— Fifty years ago, a depressed President Lyndon Johnson decided not to seek another term. Martin Luther King, Jr. had just been assassinated. Cities were burning in riots. College students marched against the Vietnam War. Four years earlier, Johnson had won re-election in one of the greatest landslides in U.S. history and passed a slew of bills ensuring civil rights, fighting poverty and expanding educational opportunities. Now, with the nation in turmoil and his approval ratings in decline, he was set to leave office. Back at his Texas ranch, he wondered: Where did it all go wrong?

That ranch is often viewed as a place where a heart-broken president went to die. He left office in January 1969 and had a fatal heart attack at the ranch four years later, at age 64. But any visit to the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park in Stonewall, Texas, shows how important this sprawling place was to his world view, planting notions about battling poverty and inequality. He was born there and his family suffered misfortunes there, but even after exiting the White House, he thrived there.

"All my life I've wanted to enjoy this land," Johnson said after leaving office. "I bought it. I paid it off. I watched it improve. It's all I have left."

Located in Texas Hill Coun-



In this July 11, 2012 photo, the boyhood home of future U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson is shown in Texas, as part of the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park.

try about an hour west of Austin, the ranch offers free tours led by park rangers, but visitors can also obtain free driving permits to explore the grounds with an audio tour on their own. Guided tours begin at Johnson's humble childhood home. The original structure was built in 1889 by Sam Ealy Johnson Sr., the president's grandfather. It was reconstructed in 1964 from photos and outfitted with period furnishings illustrating the family's simple but harsh life in rural Texas.

The president's father, Samuel Ealy Johnson, Jr., served in the Texas House of Representatives but struggled as a farmer and cattle

speculator. His unsuccessful business ventures meant there was no money for Lyndon to attend an expensive college. Instead he studied at Southwest Texas State Teachers College after a stint as a day laborer. While taking classes, he worked for a year teaching poor Mexican-American children in a segregated

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school in Cotulla, Texas. An exhibit at the ranch visitor center includes photos of him with former students and an audio recording in which he reflected on his teaching experience in a speech to Congress.

"Somehow you never forget what poverty and hatred can do when you see its scars on the hopeful

face of a young child," the president said as he urged Congress to pass the Voting Rights Act and expand anti-poverty programs.

During his years as president, the ranch served as the Texas White House. Johnson invited members of Congress and world dignitaries to "relax" here, but usually they ended up being cajoled by Johnson into endorsing a policy or idea. Tours these days include visits to the airplane hangar with a refurbished presidential plane and a mobile structure used by television reporters. Aides often briefed the president about the Vietnam War or pending legislation while Johnson swam nude in the ranch pool. The ranch also was a place of laughter. On Nov. 21, 1964, a day before the one-year anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination — the event that had catapulted Johnson into the presidency — Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman tried to subdue a balky pig at the ranch. Johnson watched, laughing as Freeman wrangled with the animal, named Mr. I.Q.

The president and Lady Bird took strolls in a meadow where he paused to see the lights of nearby towns that once had no electricity. As a U.S. senator, Johnson was responsible for bringing power to the area. When Johnson returned here after leaving the White House, he drank, smoked, let his hair grow like the young hippies who cursed him and listened to Simon & Garfunkel's "Bridge Over Troubled Water" over and over. When one of his daughters tried to intervene, he said, "No, I've raised you girls, I've been president, and now it's my time."

Sometimes he acted like he was still in office, holding meetings with Secret Service agents on ranch matters like they were national security gatherings. The former president would get on a walkie-talkie to a foreman to ask about any out-of-place cow. □



In this July 11, 2012 photo, a pasture where the late U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson often strolled to clear his mind is shown in Stonewall, Texas, as part of the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park.

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In the Nov. 4, 1964, file photo, President Lyndon Johnson proves he's a pretty good cowhand as he puts his horse, Lady B, through the paces on his LBJ Ranch in Texas.

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